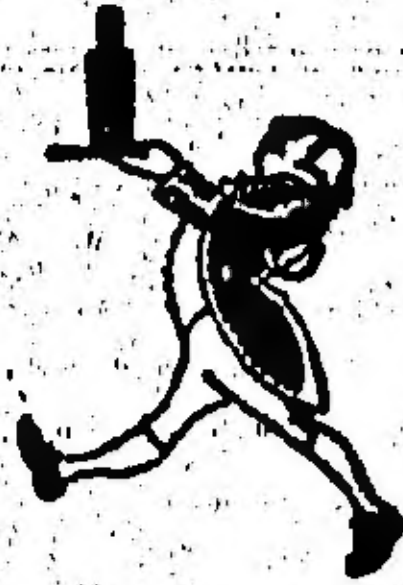


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Today.

(August 15.)

Lawn Bowls.—First Division: Kowloon Docks v. Craigengower; K.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.; Police v. Recreation; C.S.C.C. v. Tai Koo. Second Division: Tai Koo v. Yacht Club; C.O.C. v. K.C.C.; Recreation v. C.S.C.C.; K.B.G.C. v. H.K.E.R.C.
Queen's Theatre: "Sins of Children."

World Theatre: "The Fairy Sisters" (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Redemption."

Central Theatre: "The Silent Enemy."

King's Theatre: "Scotland Yard."

Prince's Theatre: "Girl From Havana."

Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel.

European Mail:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Empress of Canada) 9.00 a.m.; Europe via Suez (Rajputana) 10.30 a.m.

Tides:—High at 10.00 and 1.28; Low at 3.15 and 4.55.

Sunday.

(August 16.)

Lawn Bowls.—Inter-Department Match: Prisons v. S.C. & A. Staff, Police ground, 3.30 p.m.

Spey Royal Cup Match, Craigengower v. Tai Koo, K.B.G.C. ground, 4 p.m.

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity. First Day of Rabi-ul-akhir.

Queen's Theatre: "Abraham Lincoln."

World Theatre: "The Shadow."

Star Theatre: "The Divorcee."

Central Theatre: "The Storm."

King's Theatre: "Don't Bet On Women."

Prince's Theatre: "Alibi."

Tea Dance at King's Restaurant.

Tides:—High at 10.43; Low at 4.02 and 5.33.

Monday.

(August 17.)

Lammer's Auction Sale of Marble Statuary, 10 Queen's Road Central, 2.30 p.m.

Band Concert at Botanical Gardens (South Wales Borderers) 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Abraham Lincoln."

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For one thing, Southern Ireland is the only country I know of at the present time where there are more optimists than pessimists.

Despite the depression in England, still Ireland's best customer, a remarkable recovery has been made from the damage of the troubled times; and, all things considered, our youngest Dominion is comparatively prosperous.

There is not much unemployment, the farmers are extraordinarily industrious and are holding their own well; there is no foot-and-mouth disease amongst the cattle, and great progress has been made in organised marketing.

The result is a generally cheerful atmosphere. An Income Tax of only three shillings in the pound may have something to do with this.

The occasional discovery of an old dump of arms and the sight of a few ruins of barracks and large houses destroyed during the guerilla warfare are the only reminders now of one of the worst upheavals that have occurred in any country in Europe during this century.

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The whole atmosphere of the country and of the towns is different, including the topics of public interest and politics. I should advise no English visitor, who doesn't already understand Irish politics, to attempt to do so. The Government Party is known by a Gaelic name—Cuminn-a-Ghael—which, freely translated, means the Party of All-Ireland. The Opposition is called Fianna Fail—which means the Party of Old-Ireland. There I will leave the matter, and would advise tourists to do the same.

There are still people in England who think it is dangerous to go about in Ireland; that gunmen are still active. The country is, in point of fact, extremely peaceful. There is a splendid police force, the Civic Guard, who go about their duties without arms and enjoy great prestige.

There is little crime in the ordinary sense. For example, they have almost eliminated the illegal fishing and the poisoning of rivers. And here is an Angler's Paradise. Quite a number of retired English Civil Servants, Army officers and the like, with sporting tastes, are settling down permanently, to become Free State citizens.

The Government, which is acknowledged to be one of the best in Europe, is doing everything possible to foster the tourist industry. There is already a marked improvement in the hotels. There are few luxury establishments, but comfortable quarters with good cooking and attendance can be obtained at moderate prices.

The people are extremely kind and hospitable, and I have never found any trace of anti-English feeling anywhere. Indeed, some of the former landlords are going back to live in their old homes. Their farms are sold to the tenants, and where the residences were burnt or damaged in the Civil War compensation is paid by the Government if they are rebuilt in the country. A Lesson In Electrical Advance. One of the most remarkable signs of the times is the great electrical development. The Shannon, the largest river in the group of islands

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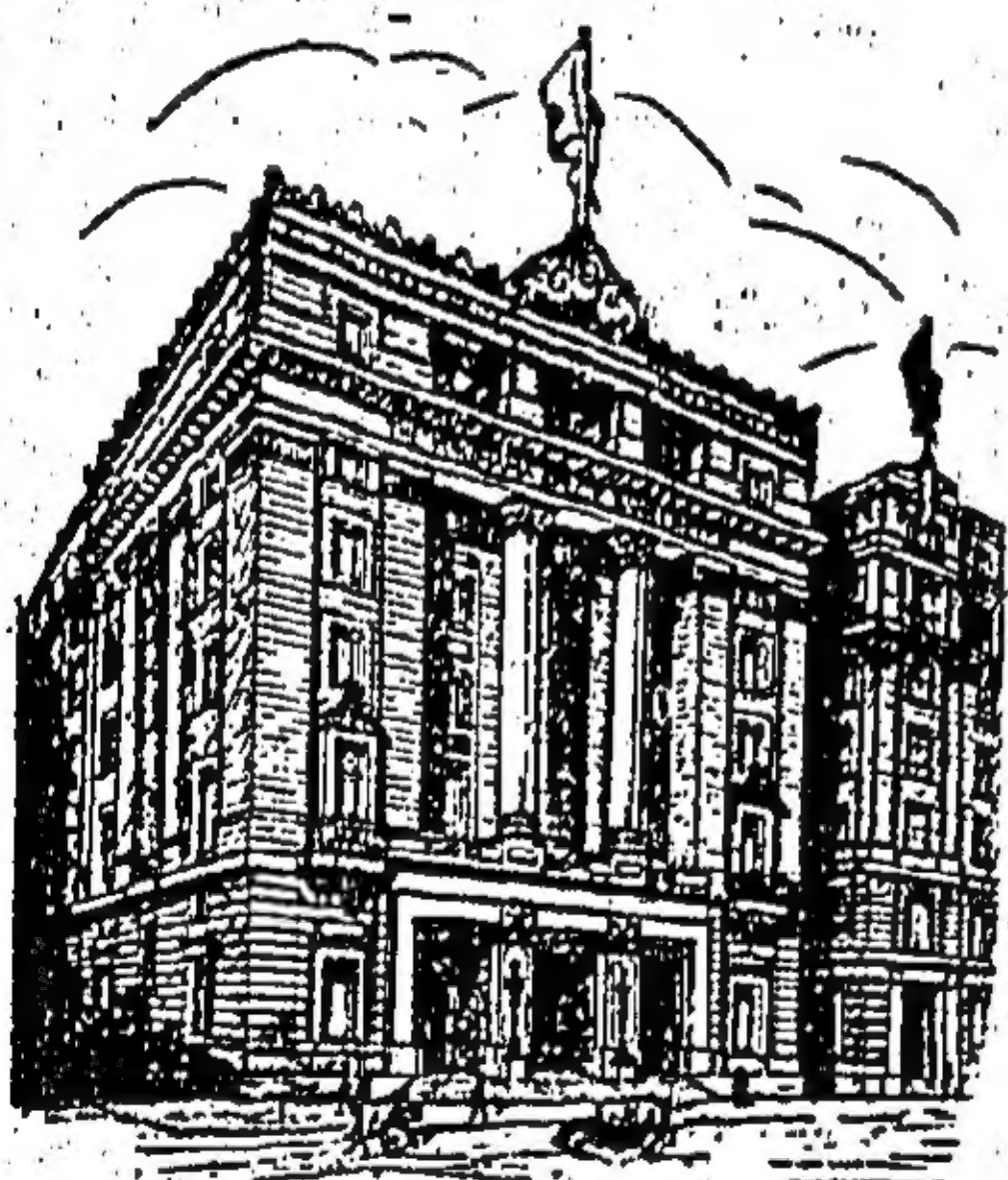
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SIGNIFICANT GROWTH OF HOME MARKET.

On April 1, the Soviet Government announced that the oil industry had fulfilled the Five-Year Plan which laid down the output of oil in 1932-33 (the last year) as 21.7 million tons. In the current year, however, the oil output will be 27.5 million tons, which means that the estimates for this industry have been fulfilled in two-and-a-half years instead of five years. This also means that the U.S.S.R. now takes second place amongst the world's oil producers.

Pre-war Russia produced 0.3 million tons of oil per year. During the war the Russian revolution the output was only 42.7 per cent. of the total production of oil in 1913. During 1931 the output will be three times more than it was before the war.

The production of oil in the U.S.S.R. is increasing yearly. This is to be seen particularly in the Grozny district where the output increased from 13.2 per cent. in 1927-1928 to 17.6 per cent. in 1929-1930; 25.9 per cent. in 1930-31; and in 1931 is expected to increase by 55.5 per cent. as compared with the output for 1929-30. The same applies to the Baku district, where the increase of output was as follows:—In 1927-1928 11.2 per cent.; in 1928-1929 13.6 per cent.; in 1929-1930 17.2 per cent.; and there will be a 50 per cent. increase over last year's output.

Aznet (Azerbaijan Oil Trust) owes its great success not only to the enthusiasm of its workers, but to the system of rationalization which has been carried on in this industry—at a time, moreover, when other branches of industry were only beginning to be reconstructed.

Up to 1924-1925 boring was carried out in a most primitive manner owing to the fact that practically no modern machinery had been introduced in the Russian oilfields prior to the revolution. During recent years, however, enormous sums have been spent on up-to-date equipment and this has increased the speed of the work and considerably reduced production costs. The cost of boring in 1924-1925 was 335 roubles per metre, but after the introduction of rotary boring this figure was reduced to 205 roubles per metre, i.e., 40 per cent. cheaper.

Recently deep pumps became widely used, and as a result of this the cost of production per well in a month dropped from 1,004 roubles in 1924-1925 to 935 roubles in 1928-1929, or in other words, showed a decrease by 50 per cent. in the cost of production.

Rationalization in the oil production has led to the utilization of gas. In 1913 the output of gas in the Baku district was about 28,000 tons. In 1924-1925 it reached 34,000 tons; in 1928-1929, 104,000 tons; in 1929-1930, 156,000 tons; and this year's production is estimated to be 500,000 tons.

Aznet is making extensive plans for the electrification of its plants and fields. Boring and pumping of oil is done exclusively by electricity. The total power of electric plants now reaches 100,000 kilowatts. Meanwhile, wind power is also used in the exploitation of wells by means of deep pumps. Cracking plant for the refining of oil has been installed for the first time in U.S.S.R. In view of the constantly growing demand for petrol to be used for automobiles and tractors working on State and collective farms, several other cracking plants will be erected in the near future.

The ever-increasing production of oil in U.S.S.R. is creating a demand for various kinds of machinery for plants, while tankers for transportation of oil are required for the export trade.

With the growth of the oil industry, and the increasing productivity of labour, the general standard of living of the oil workers is also rapidly improving.

Unemployment Wiped Out

By the beginning of 1931 unemployment amongst miners in Azerbaijan had been completely wiped out. A seven-hour work day had been introduced in all the plants

of Aznet. During the period of two-and-a-half years, workers' wages increased by 13.2 per cent. At present the average wage of the oil workers is 106 roubles 53 copecks per month. One should, of course, take into consideration the many privileges enjoyed by the workers, such as cheap housing, farce, health services, etc. Many new buildings have been erected and during the period in question (two-and-a-half years) Aznet has spent 15.5 million roubles on erecting new houses. These homes are of an American type, with all modern conveniences such as baths, electric lights, gas stoves, etc. Several million roubles have also been spent in the erection of libraries, lecture halls, theatres, reading rooms, premises for all kinds of art as well as creches and kindergartens for the use of workers and their children. In the Lenin district there is a new factory kitchen which supplies 70,000 meals per day for the workers and their families. Seven more similar factory kitchens are now under construction. During this period also 3.5 million roubles have been expended on sanitary work and safety devices for the protection of the workers, and more than 11,000 workers were sent to various rest homes in the Caucasus and Crimea.

Oil production and refining in the U.S.S.R. has made rapid strides during the past few years. In order to increase the quantity of refined products an extensive programme of construction of refining plants is being carried out, which in 1929-30 resulted in a 37 per cent. increase in the amount of oil refined over 1928-29. The oil output for the three principal trusts in 1929-30 was 17,066,000 metric tons, of which 14,800,000 tons were refined, as compared with 13,602,000 tons in 1928-29, 10,900,000 tons of which were refined.

Construction and Reorganization. Among the important construction projects in the oil industry during 1929-30 were the completion in February of the Baku-Batum pipeline with a capacity of 1,640,000 metric tons, the completion of the Badger pipe still unit in Baku and of a vacuum distillation unit. Additions were made to several existing plants, including the "Red Star" electrical station in Baku, the capacity of which was increased to 20,000 kilowatts. A new power plant was opened in Batum and a cracking plant completed there in September. In the Grozny refineries there were installed two pipe stills of Soviet design in February and August, a Foster-Wheeler pipe still in August and a Winkler Koch cracking plant in September.

At the time the oil industry of the U.S.S.R. was nationalized, in May, 1920, it was at a very low ebb. Wasteful methods of exploitation in the pre-war period, followed by the destruction and disorganization wrought by the war and intervention, had resulted in the practical disruption of the industry. Oil refining was especially neglected. The main products were mazut (fuel oil) and kerosene, gasoline being produced only in insignificant quantities. The methods employed in refining were primitive. Pipe stills, cracking plants for producing bright stocks were unknown. The civil war wrought havoc with the buildings and equipment of the few existing refining plants.

Expulsion made new gains during the first years after nationalization, but beginning with the fiscal year 1924-25 progress has been steady, both as regards total production and in the amount refined. In the six-year period from 1924-25 to 1929-30 the output of oil refineries has more than doubled and last year it exceeded the 1913 figure by 60 per cent. The Aznet refineries produce about 60 per cent. and the Grozny plants about 37 per cent. of the total.

The extensive introduction of modern refining methods and equipment dates from the fiscal year 1924-25. At that time the rapid growth in oil output began to exceed the capacity of the refineries. The increased domestic demand for tractor and automobile fuel and

the prospects for the sale of large quantities of gasoline abroad, called for an increase in the capacity of the refineries and a much greater production of gasoline. It was found necessary not only to restore and re-equip the old plants, but to construct many new ones and to organize production on an entirely new basis. Though there has been a steady increase in the percentage of oil refined, it is far from keeping pace with the exceptionally rapid increase in demand for refined products.

Oil Exports

Oil exports during the first six months of 1929-30 exceeded those for the corresponding period of 1928-29 by 38 per cent. The rapid growth in the importance of gasoline in the oil industry of the Soviet Union may be judged from the following table showing exports from 1913 to last year:—

	1913.	1928-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
					(six mo.)
					(in thousand metric tons)
Kerosene	440.2	474.7	706.5	781.5	431.7
Gasoline and ligroin	152.2	605.5	771.4	1,037.4	546.8
Lubricating oils	238.7	107.8	107.4	198.5	91.1
Solar oil	51.0	30.7	50.5	66.1	28.5
Crude oil	—	127.2	155.8	155.8	84.8
Fuel oil	65.8	550.0	699.7	1,128.8	768.8
Diesel and gas oil	—	125.0	208.3	257.8	173.4
Total	947.7	2,080.9	2,787.6	3,625.9	2,124.3

It will be noted that while in the pre-war period kerosene occupied the leading place in oil exports, constituting 40 per cent. of the total, in 1928-29 kerosene exports amounted to only 22 per cent., the predominant position being taken by gasoline and ligroin, which in 1928-29 constituted 29 per cent. of the total, as compared with 16 per cent. in 1913 and 12.5 per cent. in 1928-29.

Domestic Sales

The following table shows the sales on the domestic market of Soviet oil products for the three years up to 1928-29 and for the first half of 1929-30:—

	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
				(six mo.)
				(in metric tons)
Gasoline	70,900	98,300	129,400	80,955
Kerosene	1,018,200	1,185,700	1,307,700	1,055,493
Diesel and gas oil	606,800	672,500	748,700	440,490
Lubricating oils	159,800	198,700	238,800	245,152
Fuel oil	3,563,200	4,434,500	4,624,000	2,890,557
Miscellaneous	109,500	212,000	217,200	—
Total	5,224,200	6,860,300	7,470,800	4,706,027

The domestic sales in the first half of last year were 29 per cent. greater than in 1928-29. The domestic market also shows a growing demand for the higher class oil products. Thus, the sales of lubricating oils in 1928-29 increased over 40 per cent. as compared with 1927-28, that of gasoline 32 per cent., and that of kerosene 30 per cent. The sales of other less valuable products have increased at a lesser rate. This increased demand for the high-class oil products on the domestic market is due mainly to the great progress in the mechanization of agriculture, involving a rapid growth in the number of tractors, and also to the large gain in the number of automobiles and trucks.

In an effort to meet these increased demands it has been necessary to increase the gross production of oil, the proportion refined, and especially the proportion of gasoline and other higher-class oil products. Rapid progress has been made in this last direction during the last few years. While before the war gasoline constituted less than one per cent. of the refined oil output, by 1928-27 it constituted 9.8 per cent. and in 1929-30 it

made up 12.7 per cent. The increase was attained almost exclusively by improvement in the methods of straight distillation, since the cracking process up to the past year occupied a minor rôle, only two cracking installations being in operation. From 1923 to 1927 the proportion of gasoline, kerosene and lubricating oils to the total refined oil output increased from 23 to 39 per cent.

In order to meet the rapidly growing demand for gasoline, reliance will be placed mainly on the development of the cracking process. The programme for 1929-30 called for the construction of 14 new cracking plants. The construction plans for 1930-31 provide for over 100 cracking plants, and also for over two score pipe stills and refineries, 400 coke stills, etc. By the end of the five year period (1932-33), it is planned to have constructed cracking plants with a total of 18 million tons. Much of the equipment for these plants may be purchased abroad.

Trend of Development

The basic trend in the future development of oil refining in the

U.S.S.R. is that of increasing to the maximum the extraction of gasoline and kerosene from crude oil. It is planned to increase the proportion of gasoline and kerosene in the total amount of oil refined to 46 per cent. for the Soviet Union as a whole and to 65 per cent. for the Baku fields. This considerably exceeds the present American figure. The total output of gasoline in the last year of the five-year period is set at 12 million tons, twelve times the output in 1928-29. The increase in output is to be obtained mainly by means of an extensive development of the cracking process. It is likewise planned to run an increasing percentage of the crude oil through the refineries. While in 1927-28 this percentage was only 75 per cent., in 1930-31 it is expected to reach 95 per cent. and in the last year of the five-year period close to 100 per cent.

The expanded programme for total oil output calls for an annual increase of over 30 per cent. The revised plan for 1930-31 calls for a total production of 23 million tons, of which refined products are to constitute about 21 million tons; and that for 1932-33 for a total of 42 million tons, of which practically all is planned to be run through the refineries.

It is planned to concentrate refining operations in close proximity to centres of consumption and export. Thus, the refineries at the ports of Batum and Tuzpso will be steadily enlarged, so that by 1933-34 they should dispose of 36 per cent. of the total refined products. Foreign markets demand primarily gasoline and the higher-class products; consequently at Batum and Tuzpso there are being constructed installations for cracking and for the complete treatment of crude oil.

The domestic market, on the contrary, demands at present chiefly kerosene and mazut, though the need for gasoline is expected to exceed the latter by the end of the five-year period. To meet the domestic demand it is proposed to construct a crude oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea to Moscow, where over one and a half million tons of the heavy oil from Baku will be treated annually in a refinery to be constructed. Another refinery is to be established at Samara for the treatment of about 650,000 tons of crude oil from the Emba fields. This plant will supply refined products to the Volga basin, the Ural district, and Siberia.

Thus, the main product of the new refineries will be gasoline, obtained chiefly by the cracking process. The manufacture of lubricating oils of all varieties and compound greases will also be increased, and the production of oil products hitherto manufactured in small quantities, or not at all, will be developed.

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TASMANIAN CRUDE SHALE OIL.

The furnaces at the Tasmanian Government railway workshops have been converted from coal to oil burning. The oil is to be obtained from the Tasmanian shale works at Latrobe. For the present about 30,000 gallons of crude oil per annum will be required. The Chief Mechanical Engineer (Mr. H. B. Bennett) stated that the railway engineers had found that the oil produced from Tasmanian shale gave better results than imported oil, having a higher heating capacity.

GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

At the annual conference of the Royal Sanitary Institute at Glasgow Sir Francis Goodenough said that, though there was ample room for both electricity and gas in the service of the community, electricity, in his opinion, could never be the working man's fuel. He said that its cost was far too high and he was certain that it was bound always to be too high in a country dependent upon coal for its source of electrical energy. He deprecated the insistence upon the installation in workmen's homes of electric cooking stoves and the prohibition of the use of gas.

JAPANESE HARBOURS IMPROVEMENTS.

A plan to improve 50 Japanese ports and harbours by means of bonds issued for unemployment relief, at a cost of ¥20,000,000 of which one half is to be shared by the National Treasury and the other half by the local communities where the ports and harbours are located, has been drafted by the Tokyo Home Office. Upon the final approval of that office being given to the draft plan, negotiations are shortly to be had with the Finance Office to secure its approval.

The foregoing plan is in addition to the road plan for which it is proposed that the Imperial Government shall furnish ¥20,000,000 by means of bonds for unemployment relief, the local communities also sharing about ¥20,000,000 raised by bonds. There is a further plan for controlling about 50 large and small streams, costing ¥30,000,000 of which one half is to be furnished by the National Treasury, to be completed in three years. Out of 50 ports and harbours which it is proposed to improve, 10 will cost about ¥1,000,000 each, as follows (prefectures bracketed):

Misumi (Kumamoto), Oita (Oita), Sakata (Yamagata), Hsoshima (Miyazaki), Hsoshima (Hiroshima), Shikama (Hyogo), Kishiwada (Osaka), Uo (Okayama), Tokushima (Tokushima), and Nishinomiya (Hyogo).

The ports and harbours whose improvement will cost between ¥300,000 and ¥500,000 are to be distributed in different prefectures at the rate of one or two each, limiting the total number to 40.

FOREST PRODUCTION IN CANADA.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa has forwarded to the High Commissioner for Canada its "Summary of Forest Production, 1929," showing that during that year 3,000,014,617 cubic feet of standing timber were cut. Merchantable timber annually destroyed by fire is, however, estimated to exceed 3,400,000,000 cubic feet, in addition to the young growth on 1,300,000 acres. Insects and fungi destroy annually at least 700,000,000 cubic feet, so that the annual drain on Canada's forest resources is considerably more than 4,100,000,000 cubic feet. The latest available estimate places Canada's forest resources at 224,304,000,000 cubic feet of standing timber, which is capable of yielding 424,637,000,000 feet broad measure of sawn lumber. There are also 1,121,000,000 cords of pulpwood; ties, poles and other smaller materials. A total of 2,244,334,000 cubic feet of forest products, valued at \$194,100,000, was consumed in Canada in 1929.

CURING CONCRETE ROADS.

THE CALCIUM CHLORIDE METHOD.

In many localities, says the London Daily Telegraph, it has been the practice of late to "cure" concrete pavements by means of calcium chloride used integrally in the mix. Where this is done the concrete base should be protected against rapid drying by being covered with wet burlap, which should be sprinkled continuously for at least twenty-four hours, and preferably for thirty-six. Unless that is done, the concrete will be of poor quality, liable to crack and powder.

The calcium chloride should be added to the mix in the proportion of 2lb per sack of cement, but if the maximum acceleration is desired, to some other amount previously determined by tests carried out with regard to the character of the sand and aggregate used. In cold weather it will generally be found necessary to increase the proportion of calcium chloride, but on no account should the proportion exceed 4lb per sack of cement. Where rich mixes are being used, or in warm weather, a smaller amount than 2lb of the calcium may be used.

The calcium chloride solution should not be added as an extra to the ordinary water content, but regarded as a part of it. A positive and approved method should be used of adding the calcium chloride solution in the drum of the mixer at the time of mixing, each batch of concrete, and but solution should always accompany or follow the addition of the required water.

Preparing the Solution.

It may be said authoritatively that the solution to be added to the mix should contain 4lb of calcium chloride to the gallon of water, the best way of ensuring this being to empty a couple of 100lb bags of the chloride into a 50-gallon tank of water and stir the mixture until the chloride is completely dissolved. The solution can then be diluted down to the required strength. For a mixture in which 2lb of the chloride are required per bag of cement, it would be necessary, for example, to add half a gallon of solution to the water used for mixing.

So far as the engineer is concerned, the use of calcium chloride for curing concrete means that a minimum of supervision will be required. He will be certain that, as long as the correct proportions are used, and the surface kept properly damp for two or three days, the whole of the concrete will be properly cured, whereas in the older, water-cured method he was never certain that the whole of the surface of the concrete had been kept properly damp for the long period of time required before the new method was introduced.

A further point is that in this method of curing, the apparatus and the materials are always in view during inspection. Calcium chloride curing does not discolour the concrete in any way, nor does it leave any efflorescence or unsightly surface appearance, and it ensures complete curing independent altogether of a supply of damping water which might contain, and frequently does contain, chemicals which would render it unfit for use.

High Early Strength.

Numerous tests go to show that concrete properly mixed with the correct amount of water and with clean sand and good aggregates, is of the maximum strength when properly cured, and there seems little doubt that, apart from the use of aluminum or other rapid-hardening cements, the addition of calcium chloride is the best means of producing high early strength, which in turn expedites construction and reduces costs.

Indeed, the cost of curing is materially reduced, the saving effected being, roughly, about 1d per square yard of ordinary thickness, according to a contractor who has made extensive use of the substance. He considers that there is also a big saving in connection with the supply of curing water and the labour and materials used to cover up the work and uncover it after the usual length of time.

A further point is that the equipment requirements and functional details of calcium chloride curing are minimized, as special pumps, hose, and sprinklers to provide water where and as necessary, are not needed. Its use also permits an early completion and clear-up of the job, as this can be done in, at most, three days, as against seven to fourteen days when the sprinkler method is in use. There is also a saving in staff, as one man can easily handle the entire procedure incidental to calcium chloride curing, whether by the surface or integral method, and he can keep right up with the job.

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKERS AT FRANKFURT.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Berlin.—The International Association of Clock and Watch Makers has been holding a Congress at Frankfurt-on-the-Maine, and simultaneously the International Association and the German Association of Clockmakers have been exhibiting specimens of their handicraft. In connection with these events the Frankfurter Zeitung gives a résumé of the present conditions of the industry in Germany.

The Frankfurter Zeitung states that altogether about 18,000,000 clocks of all descriptions are manufactured in Germany every year, their wholesale value being between 90,000,000m. and 100,000,000m. Clocks to the value of over 60,000,000m. are annually exported; the whole industry provides employment for about 20,000 workers, whose wages every year amount to about 35,000,000m. So far as numbers are concerned, alarm clocks take the first place, the output of these being between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 yearly. The production of pocket and wrist watches, however, is growing; great attention is paid to the manufacture of high-class watches, but the production of cheap watches is developing rapidly and has reached about 3,000,000 per annum. Control clocks and apparatus to the value of 6,000,000m. are produced annually, and the trade is increasing, whereas the output of turret-clocks is at present worth only about 1,500,000m. About 80 per cent. of the whole German output of clocks and watches is exported. The German watch and clock industry has also begun to develop the manufacture of electrical clocks.

The main centre of the German small clock industry is the south-eastern district of the Black Forest, where over 80 per cent. of the whole working population is employed in it. The cheap class of watch is made principally in the neighbourhood of Rühl, in Thuringia, the trade having developed from the manufacture of children's toy clocks which had been carried on there by home-workers for generations. A new feature, since the War, is the establishment of factories at Pforzheim and Gmund, where parts of watches imported from Switzerland are put together and placed in cases made on the spot. The yearly production of such cheap pocket and wrist watches, whose works are wholly Swiss, has already reached about 1,000,000. The high-class watches are made principally at Glashütte, and the turret-clocks at Bockenheim, in the Hesse region, at Ulm, on the Danube, at Leipzig, and at Buer, near Osnabrück.

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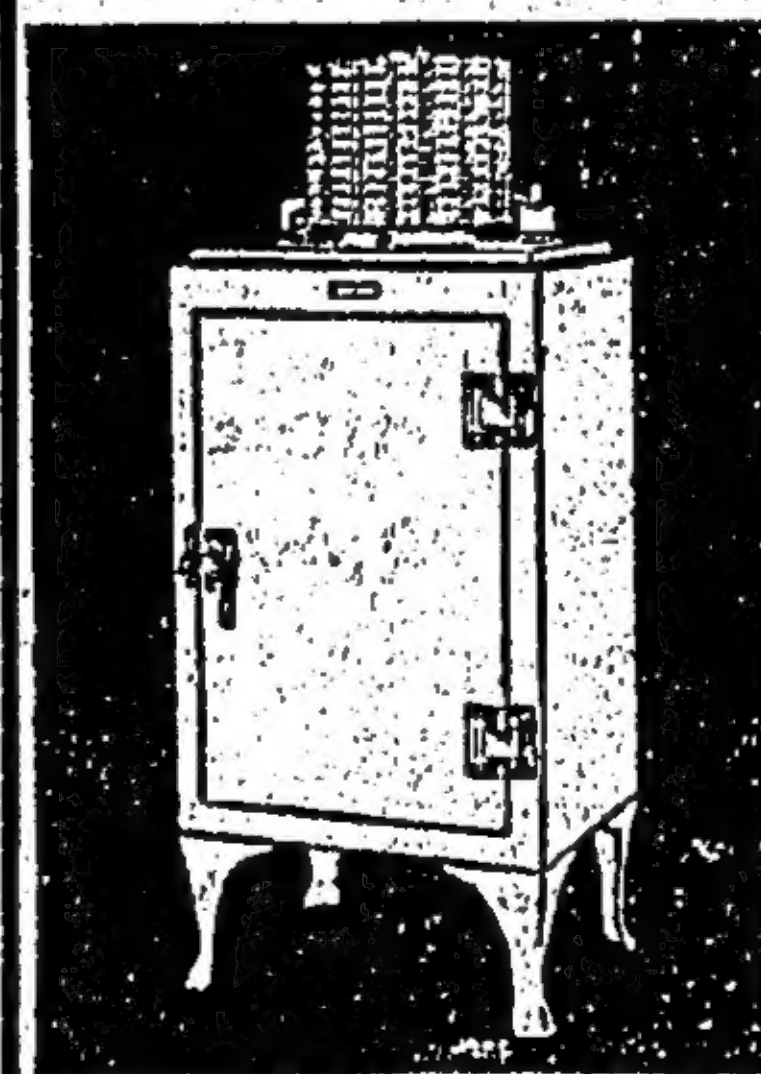
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THE SCENE IN COURT.

The trial of Lord Kysant and Mr. H. J. Morland on charges arising out of the affairs of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company opened on July 30 at the Old Bailey.

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The atmosphere was tense, but there was nothing grim, nothing forbidding, about the proceedings. Lord Kysant and Mr. Morland, the latter wearing a brightly coloured tie and a light lounge suit, sat at ease in the roomy dock.

An Accountant, Mr. Morland's features showed a trace of emotion when a member of the jury said he thought it should be known that he belonged to the Institute of Chartered Accountants, of which Mr. Morland was a member.

Mr. Justice Wright asked the juror if he wished to be excused or if any of the Counsel had any objection to the juror serving.

Counsel intimated that they had no such objection, and the juror said that he had no wish to be excused.

The whole of the day was devoted to Sir William Jowitt's exposition of the case for the prosecution. He spoke for nearly six hours, with scarcely a note before him, never raising his voice, and relying for his effect on cool and unimpassioned reasoning.

As the afternoon wore on, the Attorney-General warmed up to his subject. The accused lent forward in the dock; the juror strained so as not to miss a word; the supporting Counsel suspended their whispered consultations to listen to the peroration.

"You think it pitiful that a great City firm is resorting to this sort of finance," he said, with reference to the deal in the Nelson shares. "How can that be justified? If this is done a hundred times, it doesn't make it any better. It is a grievous case, a grievous case with regard to the honourable career of the two men in this court. We give below the first part of the Attorney-General's speech. The remainder will appear in the issue on Monday."

COUNSEL'S STATEMENT.

Counsel in the case are:—

For the Crown: The Attorney-General (Sir William Jowitt, K.C.), Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., and Mr. Eustace Fulton; for Lord Kysant: Sir John Simon, K.C., Mr. J. E. Singleton, K.C., and Mr. Wilfrid Lewis; for Mr. Morland: Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., Mr. Stuart Bevan, K.C., Mr. C. J. Conway, K.C., and Mr. F. J. Tucker.

As soon as Mr. Justice Wright took his seat, Sir John Simon asked him to consider whether or not, in fairness to the defence, particularity should not be shown in making the allegation which the indictment, which consisted of three counts, contained.

The first count, as an example, Sir John said, referred to the annual report of the court of directors of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for 1929, and the allegation was that this annual report of many pages was false in a material particular.

"One naturally wishes," said Sir John, "to know something about that, but when one looks to the

what the particular is, all I get is that the said annual report concealed from the shareholders the true position of the company. The very serious allegation is that that was with intent to deceive the shareholders. My submission is, in the interest of all fairness, it is right that the Crown should particularise, because you do not do so by saying it is false in a material particular without showing what the material particular is."

"Not Guilty." Sir John suggested that these particulars would have to be given in a civil case, adding: "This indictment simply throws a thing at my head."

Mr. Justice Wright: Are you asking that the case should not be taken here?

Sir John: Not at all. I have already intimated to the Attorney-General that I should make this application.

Mr. Justice Wright said that the defendants would plead, the case would be opened, and at the end of the opening the question of whether there should be further particulars or not would then be discussed.

Lord Kysant then pleaded not guilty to the three charges against him and Mr. Morland pleaded not guilty to the two charges made against him.

Before the jury were sworn, Sir Patrick Hastings urged that it was most important that the counts against the defendants should be separated. He said that in the interests of fairness only the two charges relating to the accounts should be taken together and the third charge in regard to the prospectus, which was against Lord Kysant only, should be tried by a separate jury. The Attorney-General would draw a very wide distinction between the facts relating to the one and the facts relating to the other, but he (Sir Patrick) was quite satisfied that it would be an extremely difficult task, and might be embarrassing to Mr. Morland.

His Lordship: The Attorney-General will have the benefit of your assistance so as to make it easier.

Sir Patrick: There are so many of us, my Lord, that I am not so sure that it will be a benefit. It may become more involved as we proceed.

Mr. Justice Wright said that there was no danger as far as he could see at present of any prejudice being sustained by either of the two defendants if the matter was dealt with as a whole.

Director's Responsibility. The Crown case was put by Sir William Jowitt, who said that one could well understand that the director of a company would be reluctant, if things were going badly, to advertise to the world that his company was in difficulties or to frighten shareholders or encourage competitors, but whatever the difficulties might be a director was not entitled to publish a document which he knew to be false, with intent to deceive.

It is the same way an auditor of a company not infrequently found himself in a position somewhat difficult. He was not merely a specialist in some mystic or some mysterious science called accountancy, and he was certainly not performing a kind of symbolic act, an act of mere mumbo-jumbo, when he gave his certificate which appeared on the company's accounts.

In one case not long ago he was described as the watchdog to see that the shareholders' interests were duly safeguarded and observed, and when an auditor signed an account that the balance-sheet was properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true and correct view of the company's affairs, as shown in its books, he was standing something upon which the ordinary investor was entitled to rely, and something which he

must know would be a matter which the ordinary investor would take into his consideration.

The Attorney-General drew a distinction between "intention" and "motivation."

"Whether it was the motive of personal enrichment or the motive that springs from false pride in being reluctant to let the true position of a company be known, or the motive even of protecting the shareholders by putting forward 'that which is untrue, the desire to retain a distinguished personal position, or a desire to avoid having to take a course which might lead to unpleasantness and bickering—whatever the motive it does not matter so long as there is an intention to deceive."

"This case, like all cases in this Court, must give one anxiety—anxiety not the less but the more because the two men being tried are both men who bear honourable and distinguished records both in public and private life."

Accused Men's Integrity. Sir William sketched the careers of the accused men and added: "It is right that I should say, and say emphatically, that prior to the allegations we are now investigating, there has been no suspicion at all, no possible doubt, passed on the

integrity and honesty of the two men. That is a very relevant factor for you (the jury) to take into consideration when you are trying whether there was or not an intention to deceive."

"Just this other side of the picture. Great positions carry with them great responsibilities. Cesar's wife should be above suspicion. It is an obvious thought that we must look to those who have achieved great positions in our public life to uphold untarnished its great records for fair and straight dealing."

"If you find in this case that these accounts were false, I think you are bound to come to the conclusion that they were known to be false. If you come to the conclusion that the accounts were known to be false, you must, in my submission, come to the conclusion that the persons who put forward that which they know to be false intend to deceive somebody."

"Who could that somebody be but the shareholders? You will be, I think, the more irresistibly driven to that conclusion if you come to the conclusion—that carefully prepared phrases were made up, of which would ally any suspicion or uneasiness in the mind of the ordinary prudent investor, which would conceal the true position, and yet

which are phrases so carefully constructed as to enable the defendants to say 'the subtle refined dictionary meaning of the words would cover what we did'."

"If you think such phrases would prevent the ordinary man understanding what was being done, then the very fact that the phrases were constructed in the way I have indicated might force you to the conclusion that there was an intention to deceive."

Lord Kysant's Remuneration. Sir William reviewed at length the affairs of the R.M.S.P., whose constitution, he said, went back into almost distant history. He dealt with a mass of complicated figures without glancing at his notes.

He pointed out that a little over £700,000 would be required for the service of the debenture, preference capital and ordinary stock, on a five per cent. assumption, and went on to discuss the six "100 per cent. subsidiaries" owned by the company—the Royal Mail Meat Transport, Limited (with issued capital of one million), the Nelson Steam Navigation Company, Limited, and H. & W. Nelson, Limited, which really carried on a commission and brokerage business, and they acted as managers to the Nelson Steam Navigation

Company, Limited, who were shipowners.

Then there were Robert MacAndrews & Company Limited; David MacIver & Company, Limited; and perhaps the most important of them—the Pacific Steam Navigation Company with an authorised and issued capital of one and a half million pounds.

There were a large number of associated companies with very complicated interlocking shareholding which he did not think came into the picture.

Lord Kysant was chairman not only of the Royal Mail Steam Packet, but also chairman of each of the 100 per cent. subsidiaries. He was paid a quite modest sum by way of fees for being their chairman, but the relevance of that fact was that it differentiated him from Mr. Morland.

Lord Kysant's remuneration, so far as the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company was concerned was settled in 1907. He was to have half per cent. commission on the gross takings of the company, provided that the company paid in any year a dividend of 5 per cent. on its ordinary shares. If it did not pay five per cent. on the ordinary shares, then Lord Kysant got £3,000. The relevance, therefore, so far as Lord

Kysant was concerned, was that he had a very clear personal and pecuniary interest in having a dividend of five per cent. paid. He became entitled in 1927 to £27,000. In 1928, when they only paid a dividend of four per cent., Lord Kysant only got £3,000.

Pile of Papers. "That does not in any way relate to Mr. Morland," the Attorney-General emphasised. "So far as I know it did not matter in regard to Mr. Morland's remuneration whether they paid five per cent. of fifty per cent. or no dividend at all."

Sir Patrick Hastings: You may take it, not the slightest. The Attorney-General said that he noticed that in 1929 the item for auditors' fees was £2,000, but it was quite likely that a lot of that would relate to auditors employed by the company elsewhere.

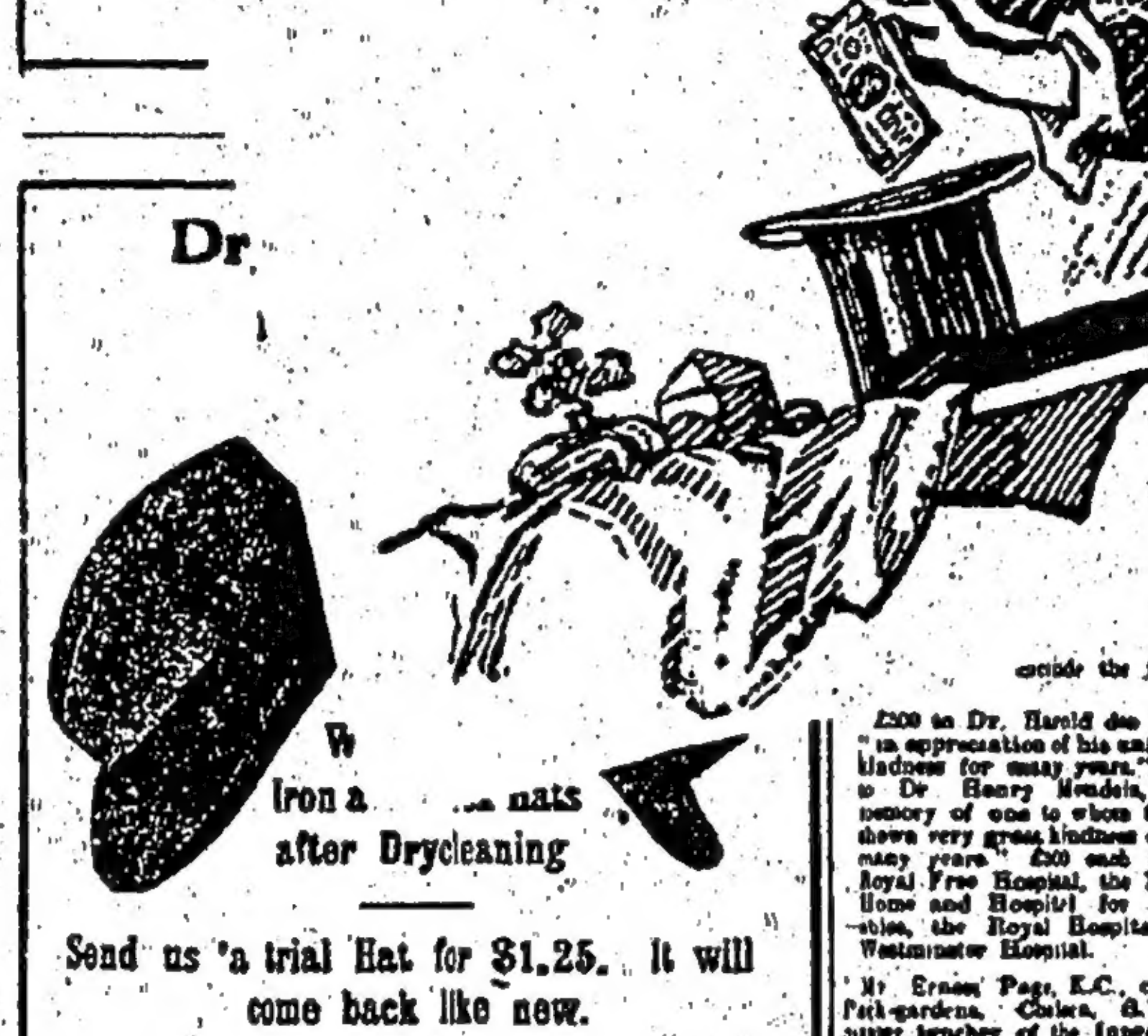
Sir Patrick Hastings: It is not better to have it made quite clear at once? He was paid four hundred guineas whether the dividend was large or small. The Attorney-General then produced documents relating to the accounts for 1929. It was a voluminous collection, and Sir William explained that it was going to be

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MR. PEPPY IN HONG KONG.

18th.—This day up betimes and most marvelously cheered to find that I suffer no stiffness after I play at tennis yesterday, which do surprise me mightily, as these several months I have taken little exercise. My wife, poor wretch, will have it that the game I play would not stiffen a sufferer from arthritis. But this time I am at a stand to know what I have done amiss, though I do perceive the symptoms. In the news sheets I read of a Rector in England who do cry out upon the freedom of Alsatian dogs that they be not muzzled, seeing that children upon their way to the Church be bitten. Whereby I perceive that the Worshipful Rector is no true lover of dogs. But it may be of children.

22d, Lord's Day.—This day reading an appeal for Cathedral funds which Mr. G. Archbutt, their Treasurer, do send. And I confess with shame that herein I have not done my part, though Lord knows it do so but sloth. So I do fill in a billet upon the Banque to pay so much in every month to their funds. And I am well assured that there be many in my case, who do through sheer sloth fail to pay in the moneys they would not grudge—and to them I would say that they should not procrastinate. Much news this day, and of all dreadful things I do hear that Mr. A. Capone be not Mr. A. Capone but his brother. And yet it may be not so dreadful provided that he do produce the dollars. Our Civil servants can now lay down their grievance as to their gettings, when reading that in New South Wales there be no funds to pay the July salaries. And indeed, at Sydney, the capital there have been gallant strikes these many years, and now a Labour Government. And so now comes bankruptcy. Truly the times seem very evil, for while every man do speak of freedom and of economy, the spectre of World Bankruptcy doth hover; while men were in fact more free though less so in form, there be at least assurance of their proper gettings. And I am well assured that the happiest of men, where those who were born in 1840 and did die at their allotted span of three-score and ten. For, of all men, the so-called "Victorians" were the most ennobled.

10th.—Letters on Flying Club, and as usual unsigned. Yet, though I very clearly see that there is a future for commercial aviation, I see no reason for Government Subsidy; any more than that, when those thirty years ago there was a need for electric engineers, Government should bear the charges of educating them. Yet what profits argument, for by Subsidies, and Dole is the world conducted these days, eye, and ruined. The U.S. Airship in launched, by releasing a flock of pigeons; and clearly they were not doves, as the ships be armed with batteries of heavy machine guns. Admiral Moffett do most strongly urge a vigorous policy of building such ships, whereby no doubt he seeks to qualify for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. In United States the American ladies soundly beat the English ladies; yet there be some consolation that the British do win the two Doubles matches.

11th.—More efforts to raise the last million of gold from the Laurence and I pray they may succeed. But Lord! to think it do seem but the other day that the Laurence be in Hong Kong and I do dine on board and take champagne and drink of strong waters they call ginne many a time and oft. And yet, it be these fifteen years gone, and my good friend and companion, with whom I did visit, he ag for ten years beneath the waters of Arosa Bay. Where, may God rest his soul, for a good ship-mate and a gallant gentleman.

12th.—Sir H. Wilkins' submarine boat the Nautilus left Tromsø yesterday but news comes that she shortly do break down again, which do be the second time that she do break down on the surface of the ocean. And how she may fare when she do dive below the sea I know not. Yet I have a suspicion, and I would not sail in her for all the jewels in Asia. News of floods in India, south of Bombay, and I suppose the brutal British oppressors will again spend money and lives like water to preserve the down-trader natives, and all to murder their benefactors in due course. The camp upon the Lantau plateau do prosper, and well it may for the dwellers therein do live cheerless lives at other times. And though I am no champion of Missionaries, I do bear witness that they do deny themselves, well up all that makes life worth living. Yet though I may admire and reverence their self-sacrifice, I cannot but think what great work it could effect in our own crowded towns of Britain, and sorrow that so many crumbs do fall from the children's table, yet the children be fed; which I do speak in all reverence and honest conviction. At the Club Mr. Creb was very hot on reading the report on the treatment of delinquent children in America. (Continued on next Column.)

OPIUM TRAFFICKER KILLED?

CURIOUS CASE AT POLICE COURT.
MAN FOUND DEAD IN CURICLE.

At Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield imposed a fine of \$20,000 or one year's imprisonment on a Chinese who was charged with having in his possession a parcel containing 288 taels of opium. As a result of this, the police are now faced with the problem, of whether there is any connection between this man and another Chinese who was found dead in his bed with a bullet wound in his groin in a curicle at 14, Connaught Road West.

It was after hearing the outline of the case that Inspector McWalter suggested that there might be some connection between the stories and they immediately proceeded to the dead man's house with the defendant, it being stated that the address was only a few yards away from the spot where the defendant was arrested after a struggle with a Chinese Revenue officer.

A Bitter Struggle.
Regarding the facts of the case, Revenue Officer Ward told the Court that a Chinese officer was standing behind one of the verandah posts near the Tai Ping Wharf about 3 a.m. yesterday when he saw a defendant acting suspiciously in the vicinity of a small curicle which were two men. After glancing about him hastily, the man bent down and it appeared that he took up a parcel from the boat. He spoke to one of the men and then went away when he was stopped by the officer.

What followed was described as a "bitter struggle" during the course of which the officer had his jacket torn. He was, however, getting the better of the exchanges when his opponents called for assistance and as the officer saw that the two men from the boat were coming to help the other man, he fired three shots from his revolver to help them away. This had the desired effect and the officer then took the man to the Station. The latter was badly hurt during the struggle and appeared in Court with marks on his face.

Dead Man On Spot?
According to the dead man's wife, her husband was formerly a quartermaster on a Jardine's boat, but the police believe that he had lately been engaged in opium trafficking.

The woman said that she had heard her husband come up the stairs to their curicle about 3 a.m. She opened the door to him, and he went immediately to bed, without speaking. At 6 a.m., she found that he had died and at first thought he passed away in his sleep, but later noticed the bullet wound in his groin.

The locality where the man lived is one of the crowded areas along the waterfront, and he and his wife occupied one of eight curicles on this floor.

There was another chapter to the story later in the morning, when Mr. T. Murphy brought the defendant back into Court, and asked Mr. Schofield to re-open the case. He made no public statement in Court.

The Magistrate adjourned the hearing.

where in a dark cell a child be found dead. But we do all point out to him that this do be a poor child and not a wealthy gangster. In Somerset the fanatics, that do oppose the chase of the stag, be soundly trounced by the villagers for their pains, which it turned to the protection of slum-children rather than animals might bear some good fruit.

13th.—News that the Nautilus is again under control and progressing. And whatever one considers of their wisdom, one must approve their courage if they still persevere in the attempt.

14th.—This day more certain news do come of the explosion of powder in the Port at Macao. At which I am mightily grieved and the more so to hear that well nigh a score of lives be lost and many more injured. And thanks be to God, it be no worse for they say that ten tons of the explosive do blow up, and all through over-heating. Which I now call to mind did happen some five and twenty years ago, in a French ship of the line off Marseilles and I think at least once to a ship of His Majesty's navy. And so when next I do see the glare of cordite burning on Stonecutters' beach, I will say: There, but for the Grace of God, goes up Samuel Pepys. More riots in India and Germany and I fear that the world be a very evil place to live in these days. And may God send us better.

MACAO DISASTER.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL OF VICTIMS.

PORTUGUESE COLONY IN MOURNING.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

MACAO, Yesterday.

The whole city was more or less in gloom to-day and all business, with the exception of Chinese retail shops, was suspended. The funeral of the military victims of the Flora explosion took place this afternoon and was largely attended by official and civilian representatives of the community, while thousands of spectators lined the route.

All Government buildings flew their flags at half mast. On Thursday night as a mark of sympathy all cinemas and public entertainments, including the cabaret, suspended business. This was also done to-day.

The hotels are all full, residents from the affected areas in some cases finding it hard to find any accommodation except in hotels.

Military Precautions.

A strong cordon of soldiers was posted to keep off spectators to-day, many of whom had to turn back disappointed. Owing to the fact that large quantities of ammunition and shells are lying about in the streets within half a mile of the scene of the explosion the wisdom of the military precautions can be understood. Soldiers with fixed bayonets are stationed at the entrance of every street leading up to Flora and only authorised persons are granted admittance to the magazine and its vicinity.

When the scene was revisited to-day many Portuguese and African soldiers were busily engaged in the work of clearing the debris. Furniture was stacked in large quantities in the middle of the street where it will probably have to lie until the shells and cartridges have been removed.

The Aftermath.

To-day it was seen that work has already started in the removal of shells that are lying strewn all over the Flora area. African soldiers, working in pairs, carried the shells between them to a vacant space that has been cleared for the purpose of storing the ammunition. The work will probably occupy a whole week as there are, according to a rough estimate, over ten thousand shells to be collected. In addition to this, cartridges and shells are being collected from all parts of the affected area.

The military department has established a temporary station (in a camp) at Flora. It is from this point that the work of clearing the debris is directed.

Force of the Explosion.

Some idea of the force of the explosion can be gauged by the following incidents:—

An electric lamp standard, some twenty feet in height, standing in Rua da Flora about a hundred yards from the source of the explosion, was blown completely away. Its whereabouts has not yet been traced.

A house a quarter of a mile away from the Flora magazine, standing in the middle of a field, was felled with large pieces of granite, which caused a number of big holes in the roof and walls, besides tearing away a good bit of the verandah.

Another house, some 800 yards away from the magazine, but in a directly opposite direction to the

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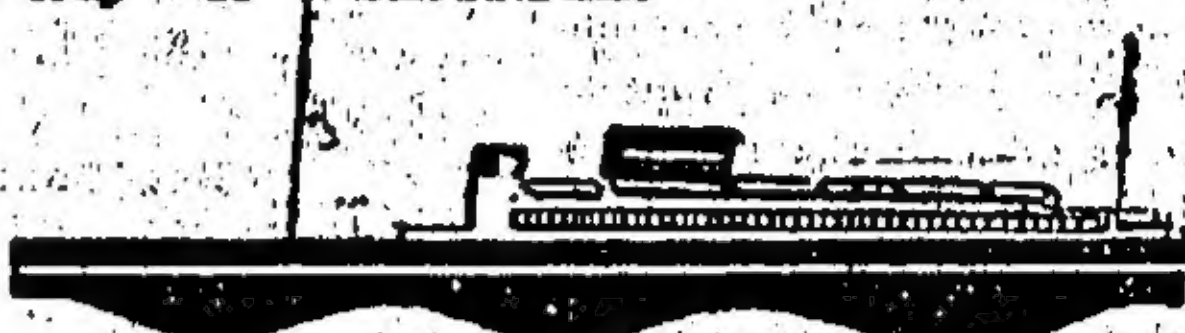
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house mentioned before, had its roof carried completely away.

In yet another house, the explosion played tricks with the windows, some of which for some inexplicable reason were blown inwards while others were forced outwards.

The Hotel Riveira and the Central Hotel, which are quite a distance away from the Flora magazine, both suffered. Windows were broken in both hotels and residents were under the impression that an earthquake had visited the Colony.

Rifle bullets were picked up by residents in places as far away as the bund where the Hong Kong steamers tie up.

Fire Rescue Work.

A fine tribute to the work of the rescuers was paid by those who were among the first to arrive on the scene. The ambulance men and the soldiers were the first to turn out, but they had no road by which to proceed. What was once a house, garden or road was then only a mass of bricks and ammunition. In spite of this and of the possibility of a further explosion, the rescuers showed great courage in extricating injured people from the debris while others undertook the work of flooding the magazine. This latter was a highly dangerous

task as it necessitated the crossing over of areas which were still smouldering, as the well which had to supply the water was not otherwise accessible.

Later, when more people came on the scene, an attempt was made to clear up the mass and to restore some semblance of order and by 8 p.m. the men had done their work so well that a fairly wide track was laid which enabled rescuers and workers to move up and down with greater facility.

The Magazine.

While it has been impossible to obtain official details of the magazine which exploded, it is known that it is one of three which are built underground at the foot of the hill at Flora. It was indeed a fortunate circumstance that the two magazines, one on each side of that which exploded, did not blow up, as these are believed to be bigger and to contain higher-powered explosives.

The black powder described yesterday as being held in the magazine which exploded is believed to have been in store for some years. The magazine itself was constructed a very long time ago and while improvements have been made from time to time, the question of replacing it with a more modern magazine, had been mooted.

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COUNSEL'S OBJECTIONS.

ALLEGES "THREAT" BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

TWO ANNAMITES HELD FOR DEPORTATION: PROCEDURE CRITICISED.

"If the learned Attorney General will line up with the Attorney General in England, it does not matter when this case is finished," declared Mr. Jenkin at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the application for a writ of *habeas corpus* in respect of two Annamites, detained in Victoria Gaol, came for hearing before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Lindell).

Counsel contended that more than once during the proceedings the Attorney General had thrown out a pointed hint, amounting to a threat, that whatever the result of the application it was still open to the Governor to summarily deport these persons. Mr. Jenkin said that if the Attorney General did not withdraw this threat, he would have to ask their Lordships to protect the applicants by making the order absolute.

DEATH IF SENT TO INDO-CHINA.

The applicants are Sung Man Cho and his niece, Li Sam, natives of Annam, who are alleged to be political fugitives from the French Government of Indo-China, who were arrested on June 6 and detained in Victoria Gaol.

When the application for an order nisi that a writ of *habeas corpus* be issued in respect of the two detained persons was made before the Chief Justice on July 31, Mr. Jenkin said:

"I desire to make it clear what is at the bottom of this application. It is in evidence that the police claim that these two people are revolutionaries and that their activities have been levelled against the Government of Indo-China. If the offence alleged is any offence at all against the Government of Indo-China, it is clear it is of a political nature and that, consequently, this man and woman cannot be obtained by the Indo-China Government by process of extradition.

"From the correspondence which has passed and from the facts disclosed on the affidavits, I suspect that an attempt is being made or possibly has been made to let the French Government have these two people under the guise of deportation, as it would be impossible to let them have them by the process of extradition.

Risk of Death.

"I say that now because although this man and woman know that they can properly be deported and are quite willing to leave the Colony, they cannot obtain an assurance from the Government that they will be free to go where they wish when they are deported, and that they will not be handed back to the French authorities, which, these people say, would mean their almost instant death, were it to happen."

His Lordship: That is a very serious charge to make. I may, of course, be wrong, but no one can assume it unless it is proved up to the hilt. Mr. Jenkin replied that it looked that way from the evidence which had been sworn and also by the fact that, in reply to a letter written by Mr. Lossby asking for assurances, the Colonial Secretary had replied generally in a negative tone.

Mr. Jenkin attacked the proceedings so far on the ground that the arrests had been illegal, that a warrant for further detention made by His Excellency the Governor was wholly bad because it was issued too late, and that an interrogating officer had exceeded his duty in his questioning and had not asked the girl whether she had any witnesses or not. Also, both the man and woman were denied legal assistance from the time of their arrest, June 6, until June 23, this being directly contrary to Prison Regulations.

At that hearing the Chief Justice made an order calling upon the Superintendent of Prisons to show cause why a writ of *habeas corpus* should not be issued, at the same time making it clear that the statements made in Court were to be treated as *ex-parte* statements.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, together with Mr. A. M. L. Soares, appeared for the two applicants, the instructing solicitor being Mr. R. Lossby, of Messrs. Rives & Company. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., the Attorney General, appeared for the Crown. There were also present Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney General), and Mr. J. W. Franks (Superintendent of Prisons).

Counsel's Request Refused.

At the outset, Mr. Jenkin said that he would draw their Lordships' attention to the fact that the applicants were not present in Court. He had asked that the two persons be brought to Court, but the Attorney General had refused his request. Counsel pointed out that the former Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, had laid it down that in a case where application had been made for an order nisi, the persons interested should be present.

Mr. Alabaster, pointing out that he had only heard this request made five minutes before, said that the form of the application was such that the presence of the two applicants was not required. If the other side desired their presence, they could have said so when the application was made a fortnight before and it could have been in-

ALL FLOODED IN YANGTZE AREA.

"REDS" STILL AMOK IN KIANGSI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KIU-KIANG, Aug. 4.

Hankow-Kiung-Kiang-Anking-Wuhu-Nanking... all flooded! And in seven years it is the 3rd time! Now tell me what is the big idea in choosing Nanking as Capital? Imagine Paris or London, Berlin or Washington flooded every 2 or 3 years. Would that do? If the Capital of China is to have millions of inhabitants, it is to contain palaces and big administration buildings, please tell me what is the idea of putting it at Nanking! The Nationalists being people who want to do things, everything that is made by them or under their control is a marvel. So this flood is a marvel and a record. The record year before this was 1901. They got 45 feet of water in that year. This year we got 45 feet and seven inches.

Being hard boiled to a certain degree, I wanted to satisfy myself about the Tong chia pu tragedy. You remember that I told you in my last letter that Tong chia pu was taken by the Communists, looted, etc. Now I have got all the evidence, and I tell you, it is more illuminating than I thought at first.

There are many soldiers at Loping, Yukan and Yukiang; 4000 at Yin tau, many at Kwei, Iyang Hokow, etc. And the 10th Red Army has not more than 2000 rifles, but they can do what they like in the country. Hear this one!

Two or three hundred riflemen and 5000 spearmen looted Kwang Kin Pa, a market place 2 1/2 days' journey in the White territory. They passed the river and looted Tongchinsu to their heart's content. At last they went back to their Red nest, and during all that expedition they did not encounter a single White soldier! That is some anti-Red campaign!

So if you are stationed in a White territory, how safe are you? These are a Catholic Priest at Teng chia pu; he certainly went through a thrilling experience! He was in bed when the Reds arrived. He simply took his breviary, jumped over the wall and took refuge in a rafter shop, where he changed his clothes. When the houses were searched, the speaker tried to make him say that he was a White Guard. He let them talk and tried to look as stupid as he could, took a basket and went to the market to buy vegetables! Of he was not seen again until the Reds had left the District.

present case, Mr. Alabaster submitted that the order for Sung Man Cho to leave by a particular boat was quite proper.

Court Adjourned.

At 4.50 p.m., the question of an adjournment was considered. The Attorney General said that it was convenient for him to stop at that stage, or he could continue for another hour when he would be in a position to say how much longer time would be required to close his arguments.

Asked for his views, Mr. Jenkin said that the learned Attorney General had more than once thrown out a pointed hint that although the order made by the Government was under consideration, the power to summarily deport the applicants was still open to the Government. It was a threat that, whatever the result of these proceedings, the Governor might make a summary order for deportation.

"If the learned Attorney General will line up with the Attorney General in England, it does not matter when this case is finished," said Mr. Jenkin. He continued that if the Attorney General did not withdraw the threat, he (Mr. Jenkin) would have to ask their Lordships to protect the applicants by making the order absolute. Counsel further said that under the order, Sung Man Cho was due to leave the Colony next Tuesday, and there should be an assurance that the Crown would hold their hand until the validity of the order was decided. He asked what the procedure would be if the case was not finished by Tuesday, the day ordered for deportation.

The Chief Justice agreed that the applicant could not be sent away on the day if the case was not finished.

To be Continued To-day.

In reply to the Chief Justice, the Attorney General pointed out his difficulty because he was not the person who made the order. After some discussion, the Attorney General said that in the event of the case not being finished by Tuesday, he would arrange to hold the applicants in the Colony until judgment was delivered by their Lordships in the present application.

After a brief recess, Mr. Alabaster proceeded to deal with the affidavits and correspondence concerned in the case. At 6 p.m. the Court adjourned until 11.30 a.m. this morning, their Lordships indicating that they were prepared to carry on with the case in the afternoon.

HONG KONG FLYING CLUB.

NO INCREASE IN GOVT. SUBSIDY.

ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

"I have been authorised to state, on behalf of the Government, that there will definitely be no increase in the amount of the Government subsidy to the Club."

These words, regretfully spoken by the Hon. Commander Holo, struck a pessimistic note at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Flying Club, held in the Board-room of Messrs Jardine Matheson and Co. yesterday afternoon.

The Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Wing Commander of the Club, intimated that he had received the news of the Government's decision only that morning, and asked the members of the committee to remain behind after the meeting had concluded, to discuss the question. "We may decide," he said, "to call an extraordinary general meeting of the members to discuss the future of the Flying Club."

Mr. Shenton's Speech.

The business of the meeting was commenced by the Chairman, who, in moving the adoption of the annual reports and statement of accounts, said: The position of the Club is dealt with at considerable detail in my report and those of the Flight Committee, the Chief Instructor and the Finance Committee, but there are certain further matters of which I should like to inform members.

In addition to the committee referred to we have a Finance Committee consisting of Mr. A. Ritchie, Mr. H. G. Hegarty and Mr. M. H. Turner. I regret that by an oversight this Committee did not appear on the page in question.

Although we have in commission to-day only one machine, we hope to get two more into the air before the end of this year or the early spring of next. We have in hand two engines, one belonging to H. A. A. and the other to H. A. B. The Club is in negotiation with the manufacturers for the purchase of a new frame for H.A.A., and it is hoped that our insurance claim in respect of H.A.B. will give us sufficient money to provide a new frame for H.A.B.

Since we have turned over to the Land plane policy our hours of flying have largely increased; in May we did 15 hours, in June 30 hours, in July—in spite of 11 non-flying days—we did 57 hours.

Position in Other Parts of Empire. I would now like to say a few words on subsidies, as I do not think the position in other parts of the Empire is understood.

In England the position in the early stages of the movement was that each club received a bonus of 250 per member, plus 21 for every flying hour flown by the Club members. At the present time a club gets up to 25,000 per annum, governed by the number of "A" licences obtained during the year, plus 5/- per hour of flying.

In Singapore, the Flying Club receive an annual subsidy of \$2,000, a further subsidy for the Instructor's salary of \$2,500, and a special subsidy for "A" licences which for last year was \$2,500. They were fortunate in receiving a gift from Rajah Brooke of Sarawak of a new Gipsy engine, floats and spares.

Points to Remember.

In conclusion may I say that I doubt very much if it is generally realised:—

- (a) How useful in a case of emergency the Flying Club can be.
- (b) How important aviation is going to be, to the future of Hong Kong, not only commercially but as a defence force.
- (c) That the Club is the best possible advertiser of British air-craft.
- (d) That the Club is only in its initial stage and, with the completion of the aerodrome and the hangar, the organisation will come on to a much more effective basis. The happy relations which at present exist between the Royal Air Force and our Club should make possible a working arrangement, similar to that in operation with the Singapore Flying Club whereby the Club appears to be largely under the Wing of the R.A.F., and that all over the Empire it is realised how important aviation is, and how necessary it is by subsidies and other assistance to encourage the study of the science and the practice of the art. It is equally well realised that as a private hobby it is beyond the power of the Government generation, on whose shoulders the responsibility for the future mainly rests.

The movement was seconded by Mr. R. Foster and was carried unanimously. The decision of the Government in the matter of the subsidy was then communicated to the meeting by the Hon. Commander Holo, and the Chairman replied as stated.

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S TRANSACTIONS.

The Stock Market opened quietly steady, buyers still predominating for most stocks, the demand being chiefly centred on Trams, Hotels and Ropes. On the other hand, Cements weakened to a selling rate of \$19.00.

Banks were done at \$2.040. Unions with buyers at \$535 changed hands at this rate.

Underwriters with sellers at \$3.05 were reported to have resulted in sales at \$3.

Steamboats found buyers offering \$23, but sellers were not disposed to trade under \$23.

Banquets advanced to \$11 buyers.

Wharves were enquired for at the improved rate of \$104, but without inducing holders to sell.

Providents (new) were negotiated at \$2.70, and there were buyers at \$2.60; the old shares finding buyers at \$2.60.

Hotels (old) were in demand at \$17.40, sellers asking \$17.50, sales being recorded at \$17.30. The new shares remained at Thursday's quotations.

Lands were reported sales at \$91.75, buyers being in the market at \$91.50, and sellers wanting \$92.

Ewos appreciated slightly to \$14.50 buyers and sales resulted at this rate.

Shanghai Cottons had enquiries at Tls. 97.

Trams had sellers at \$22.50, but buyers were ready to deal at \$22.25.

China Lights were done at \$20.40, by buyers willing to pay \$20.30, but sellers asked \$20.50.

Hong Kong Electric had buyers at \$91, but shares were not obtainable at this rate. Canton Ices were a shade higher at \$7.50 buyers.

Cements, as already mentioned, weakened slightly, and there were sellers at \$19.00, but buyers declined to go beyond \$19.00. Sales were reported to have taken place at \$20.10.

Hong Kong Ropes were in demand at \$22.10, but shares were not forthcoming.

Dairy Farms were dealt in at \$32.85, buyers offering \$32.75. Watsons were firmer at \$10.40 buyers, sales having to be reported at \$10.50.

Constructions receded at \$13.30, nominal.

Afternoon's Transactions.

On resumption of business in the afternoon, the tone of the market was quietly steady with no outstanding features, the changes being as follows:—

Canton changed hands at \$1.550. Underwriters had sellers at \$3, but buyers were not in evidence.

Douglases were in demand at \$23, but holders were not attracted by the rate.

Hotels (old) were dealt in at \$17.50, but buyers still prevailed at this figure. The new shares had buyers at the improved quotation of \$17, but holders held aloof.

Lands were reported sales at \$91.75.

Humphreys (old) were again dealt in at the morning quotation—\$22. Ewos advanced to a buying rate of \$14.00, but without shares being attracted.

Star Ferries were done at \$94, buyers still prepared to go on at the rate.

Trams had sellers at \$22.10, but buyers were unwilling to go higher than \$21.70.

Electricians were negotiated at \$31.40, buyers coming forward with a shade less—\$31.25.

Cements (combined) were firmer with buyers offering \$19.00, but there were transactions at the rate. Ropes had sellers at \$23, but no business resulted.

The movement was seconded by Mr. R. Foster and was carried unanimously.

The decision of the Government in the matter of the subsidy was then communicated to the meeting by the Hon. Commander Holo, and the Chairman replied as stated.

Election of Officers.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: General Committee: Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Mr. C. D. Lambert, Mr. A. G. R. Moss, Mr. R. Foster, Mr. J. Chon and Mr. R. Lee. Captain of the Club: Dr. Farr. Mr. M. W. Turner was elected auditor, and, in the absence of any other nomination, was empowered to obtain assistance of his own accord in carrying out the duties of his office.

That concluded the business of the meeting, and, as requested by the Chairman, the members of the committee remained behind to discuss the situation created by the refusal of the Government to increase the amount of the subsidy.

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BIRTHS.

BETINES.—On August 4, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. BETINES, a son.

BOROH.—On August 7, at St. Marie's Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. BOROH, of Hankow, a daughter.

SMITH.—On August 5, at Hankow, to BETTY, wife of BRUCE M. SMITH, a daughter, BETTY VIRGINIA.

DEATH.

LETTON.—On August 6, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, NORMAN GEORGE LETTON, aged 48 years.

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BRITISH PAGEANTS.

ONE of the complaints frequently levelled against the industrialisation of large areas of England was that it destroyed many of the ancient customs and pleasures of the people. Not only did it rob the countryside of men and despoil many a beautiful landscape, but it uprooted many communal forms of entertainment. The village green ceased to be a social centre where the lads and lasses danced folk dances and sang folk songs; more and more the masses of the people began to depend upon professional entertainers for their amusement instead of continuing their own traditional games, songs, and dances.

The complaint would seem to have been justified. Undoubtedly there has been a tendency for many years for people to be satisfied with the mere onlookers' side of the game. This is, of course, most commonly exemplified in the case of professional football. But now a reaction has set in. Not only are more and more people of all classes demanding greater facilities for the playing of outdoor games of all kinds, but there is real enthusiasm for what might be termed more exalted forms of amusement and entertainment.

One sign of this is the growing interest in the drama. All over the country small groups of amateurs, recruited from all classes of people, in town and country, have formed drama groups. In addition there are ever-growing numbers of scientific, literary and reading circles. A feature of this quickened interest is that the young people who have been caught up in the various movements are imbued with a sense of national tradition in these activities.

This is shown in their keenness for pageantry and the representation of historical scenes and incidents. The British people have always been fond of pageants and festivals; but of late years they have shown even greater enthusiasm. It may be that this is a good feature of the industrial depression! Modern machinery having to some extent failed them, people's thoughts have turned to the past and a desire has been roused to clothe imaginary scenes and incidents in flesh and blood. However, that may be, the months of May, June, and July are pageant months in Great Britain. Under expert direction with due regard to historical accuracy, Pageant masters drill thousands of performers in a number of cities, towns, and villages to tell again the story of the past. To the sound of music, under the shadow of old castles and on the loveliest of green lawns, the men and women who have made history are recreated for the delight of immense audiences. These pageants are beautifully presented, with vivid colour and joyous animation. It is the fashion to hold them during the afternoon, and to hold in the evening torch-light parades, fireworks, and folk-dancing under flood-lights, winding up with general dancing and revelry.

This year some excellent scenes were staged. At Cardiff a pageant was presented depicting six episodes in the history of the city, Cardiff Castle providing the background, the stage, and the auditorium. Six hundred students from the university took part. In the first scene the old castle became alive with Roman Legionaries and their auxiliaries, proclaiming Constantine as their new Emperor. The second scene dealt with the Danish period. The next three scenes presented medieval episodes; and the pageant reached its climax with a stirring portrayal of the siege of the Castle during the Civil War. Bradford, the centre of the wool trade, decided to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the introduction of wool-weaving into England by a Wool-Fair and Pageant, with 8,000 costumed performers. In Tewkesbury 2,000 performers were drilled to enact seven episodes in the stirring story of the 800 years of the life of the Ancient Borough. In the Oxfordshire Historical Pageant 1,200 performers gave some charming pictures of historical episodes, one of the most delightful scenes showing large crowds of dancing children.

The greatest of all this year's pageants, however, was at Rochester, where 5,000 performers, telescoped, so to say, two thousand years of history. For two years the men and women who took part in the pageant were making preparations and rehearsing their parts, and they were as keen and enthusiastic on the day of the opening as when the scheme was launched. The Castle gardens provided a picturesque setting, with the ancient Keep in the background, and the records of the city inspired episodes that linked events in the life of Rochester from the days of the early Britons with modern times.

One episode illustrating the visit of Queen ELIZABETH to Rochester, presented a gorgeous spectacle, the dresses of the period providing a dazzling display of colour. The best scene of all was perhaps the Epilogue, when all the characters came together. There were first the kings who gave the charters to Rochester—a little further away were the Romans, who founded the Roman military town of Durobrivis; further away still was the grave group of monks who accompanied HENRY I. to the dedication of the Cathedral; SIMON DE MONTFORT stood there also; and a little way off were the figures of Dickens and the Victorian characters. It was a splendid piece of work magnificently done; it typified the spirit of British pageantry and served as an effective stimulus to the many thousands of performers in Rochester and elsewhere who are already discussing plans for pageants of the future.

FUTURE OF BRITISH COAL MINES.

At the British Miners' Federation Conference last month, Mr. JOSEPH JONES added several points of interest to what Sir ERNEST GOWENS had already announced about the plans of the Coalminers Reorganisation Commission. Sir ERNEST intimated that the Commission was aiming at amalgamations on a large scale, because "the greater the area over which concentration of production could be made, the more effective the concentration would be." Mr. JONES took the matter a good deal further by naming the units of amalgamation which the Commission propose. All Britain, except a few small outlying fields, is to be organised in only six units, and in each unit there will eventually be only one colliery undertaking. That is large-scale amalgamation with a vengeance; and as the Commission is empowered to submit its own plans to the Board of Trade, if the collieries themselves do not do so, it may be understood that this drastic project is by no means merely a pious aspiration. The Commission is going through with it. Part I. of the Coalminers Act expires at the end of 1932, and the district quota provisions with it. At that date the purport of the Act will be radically changed. The present temporary arrangement is the antithesis of rationalisation. It is designed to distribute production more or less evenly between good pits and bad, and to keep prices reasonably high. After December 31, 1932, the effect of the Act will be to concentrate production on the more efficient pits and to bring down costs. The Miners' Federation gave no hint of its attitude toward the forthcoming reversal of policy, which will undoubtedly hit some of its members hard. Its reaction may be one of the Commission's major problems. Another will be the relation of the State to the new regional undertakings. For the Coalminers Act expressly confirms the continuance of private ownership; yet the setting up of a private undertaking for, say, the whole of Scotland is hardly conceivable without some degree of public control.

The Macao Tragedy.

The sympathy of everyone in Hong Kong goes out at this time to those who have been injured or bereaved by the Flora Fort explosion at Macao. It is hard to associate peaceful and old-world Macao with swift and terrible tragedy, and the contrast of today's distress with the habitual calm of the ancient Colony adds poignancy to the incident. There have been a number of magazine explosions in China of recent years. More than one has occurred at Canton, and there was another of a very serious nature at Yunnanfu. It would seem that in a hot and moist climate very special care is needed where modern high-explosives are stored. We have no doubt the utmost vigilance is exercised in our own magazines, but it would be no disadvantage either to the military or to the civilian population if military stores of that kind were kept further away from the City of Victoria than at present.

KWONG SANG THREE DAYS OVERDUE.

MAY HAVE ENCOUNTERED TYPHOON.

NO NEWS AT MIDNIGHT.

Grave fears for the safety of the a.s. Kwongsang are now entertained in the Colony. The steamer was due to arrive in Hong Kong from Shanghai and Swatow on the night of Wednesday last, but since leaving Shanghai she seems to have disappeared completely. No message has been received from her nor has she been sighted by any other vessel.

When the Waishing was blown ashore in Nam Kwan harbour by the recent typhoon, Shanghai endeavoured to get into communication with the Kwongsang, which should have been somewhere in the vicinity of the Waishing at the time, and to instruct her to proceed to the assistance of the stranded vessel. No reply to the Shanghai wireless signals was forthcoming, nor has any wireless message from the Kwongsang been received since her departure from Shanghai.

Struck by Typhoon?

It is understood in local shipping circles that the course of the Kwongsang would have taken her directly in the path of the same typhoon which wrecked the Waishing and which seems to have extended over an almost unprecedented area, and although it is hoped that she may have taken refuge in some little-known harbour and will eventually arrive safely in port, there seems to be sufficient cause for some pessimism. She is now three days overdue, which fact in itself is disconcerting.

News of Non-Arrival Broadcast.

News of her non-arrival in port has been continually wireless to all ships, with a request that any news of her should be transmitted to the Hong Kong agents. As before remarked, however, none has been forthcoming.

The Kwong Sang is under the command of Captain Hendry, and sails regularly out of Hong Kong. Built by Messrs. Wigham Richardson and Cammell Laird of Newcastle in 1902, she is a steel screw steamer of 3,283 tons gross, 1,428 net. She is 280 feet long, 42.1 in width and 15.2 in depth. She is registered in Hong Kong. Up to midnight no news of the vessel had been received by any of the wireless stations in the Colony.

LOCAL PROBATES.

LATE MR. A. H. SKELTON'S ESTATE.

Estate in Hong Kong valued at \$287,000 with a total gross of \$290,000, net personally \$24,500, was left by Mr. Alfred Holland Skelton, late of Hong Kong, who died at South Lodge, Canford Cliffs, Dorset, on May 18, 1930. Grant of resealing of certified copy of probate and edict of the will has been made to Mr. G. C. N. Tinson, law firm of Messrs. The Public Trustee and executors.

Chiu Lau Ching Foon, alias Lau Ching-foen, alias Chiu Lau-shi, alias Lau Shi, concubine, who resided at 389, Nathan Road, Kowloon and died at St. Paul's Hospital, Hong Kong, on or about April 5 last, left estate valued at \$84,800. Probate of the will has been granted to Chiu Seki, who was her husband. He is also named as beneficiary under the will.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

OBSTRUCTION TO FIRE ENGINE.

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday on a lorry driver in the employ of Messrs. A.S. Watson and Co., who was summoned for causing an obstruction to a fire engine that was on its way to a fire at the Naval Hospital on July last.

A car driver was fined \$20 for having driven his car at an excessive speed along Caroline Road on the extreme right hand side of the road.

Another driver admitted that he did not stop his car after hitting a couple opposite the Central market and gave as his reason that he was afraid of being attacked by the other coolies in the vicinity. His Worship stated that the defendant should have shown more courage, and taken the risk of stopping until something further had developed. He fined the man \$20.

A driver of a motor-car was fined \$20 for speeding on Shaukiwan Road. It was stated that the car was travelling at 40 miles per hour.

In prosecuting another driver, Inspector Alexander told his Worship that the defendant had sounded his horn unnecessarily at the pumping station at Leighton Hill Road. The defendant was fined \$5.

MURDER TRIAL AT CANTON.

BAPTIST MINISTER ACQUITTED.

A murder trial, which has attracted a great deal of attention at Canton, was recently concluded in the courts of that city, Chang Lap-Choy, a Baptist pastor, against whom a charge of murder had been brought, being discharged owing to lack of evidence.

A second charge of embezzlement was preferred against the defendant and now awaits the judicial decision.

The alleged murder was committed on 13 September of last year when Lai Hang, manager of the Ka Nam Tong real estate company was supposed to have died through other than natural causes. The case against Chang, the defendant, was brought by Lai Hang's wife, whose only evidence supporting the charge of murder was the fact that Chang had buried the remains of her husband without the knowledge or consent of herself or her daughter. Chang was therefore suspected of the death and arrested at the instigation of the lady, and altogether made five appearances before the courts. The murder charge having fallen through Mrs. Lai now claims twenty-five thousand dollars, this amount being the value of the estate belonging to Lai, and entrusted to Chang prior to the death of the former, which the Counsel for the prosecution states has been embezzled. The hearing has been concluded and the verdict will be given shortly.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

A newly born Chinese baby, which was found by the Police abandoned on the road side at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, has been taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

A cold air installation similar to that at the King's Theatre is being fitted in Lane, Crawford's refreshment lounge and grill-room in the same building. The work will be completed in a few days time.

Halving Jamsan, chief engineer of the steamer Bing Jong, at Kowloon Dock, has reported that money and jewellery valued at \$680 was stolen from his cabin some time between 9 p.m. on Wednesday, and 6 a.m. on Thursday.

Before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday, a Chinese pleaded guilty to a charge of trespassing on the Military Sports Ground at Soekoupo. The defendant was fined \$3 or five days' imprisonment.

It has been reported to the police that a foki was drowned at Aberdeen on Thursday. It was stated that the man, in the company of three others, engaged a sampan, to weigh an anchor. The craft capsized and the men were thrown in the water. The other three men were saved.

The Colony had a clean bill of health for Thursday.

Some light has been thrown on the mystery surrounding the finding of an aged Chinese on Stubbs Road early on Thursday morning. Mr. D. A. Grotenhuis, of the Dutch Bank, has informed the police that while driving along Stubbs Road just before the time the man was found he felt a bump but as he was on a curve he did not stop immediately. He brought his car to a halt a little further on and got out to see what had caused the jar, which he afterwards attributed to having come in contact with the bank. The then drove on.

Looking Back 50 Years.

On the receipt of the telegram announcing the numbers of the first and second prizes in the last Manila lottery a rumour was started to the effect that the number taking the first prize was included in those seized by the police here recently. The rumour appeared to rest on no reliable foundation, but any possible doubt is set at rest by the papers received from Manila yesterday, from which it appears the first prize has fallen to the lot of a servant of Artillery barracks. The tickets seized by the police were sealed up without their numbers being examined, so that it is possible there may be some of the smaller prizes among them. *Hong Kong Daily Press*, August 15, 1931.

from the files.

Looking Back 25 Years

It is on dit that His Excellency the Governor was unable to find a seat in the "45 Peak" train on Wednesday night, and that no one thought of offering to resign in favour of the King's representative. We have on a previous occasion discussed in the matter of the frequent and foolish allegations of snubbery launched at the Peak people; and this incident appears

BALANCING OF BRITAIN'S BUDGET.

FULL CABINET MEETING ON WEDNESDAY
TO DISCUSS POSITION.GENERAL STATE OF FINANCES
REGARDED AS SOUND.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]

London, August 14.
A special Cabinet meeting has been convened for August 19, to consider the Cabinet Economy Committee's proposals.

London, Aug. 13.
A well-informed quarter states that the Government may introduce a new Finance Bill to deal with the situation and to provide for drastic economies in public expenditure and that a short sitting of Parliament might be held in September (a special session) in order to pass the Measure.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Neville Chamberlain visited No. 10, Downing Street for a consultation with the Prime Minister after the Cabinet Committee had concluded its discussions. Sir Herbert Samuel was a later visitor for the same reason.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in an interview with Reuters, said that no concrete proposals were submitted to Mr. Baldwin and himself when he saw the Premier.

Equal Sacrifice.

He described the situation as "very serious but not irretrievable."

The Conservative leader expressed the opinion that it was essential for the Government to show unmistakably their intention to take no delay whatever in steps necessary to balance the budget and to convince foreign opinion that it was in earnest.

It is understood by Reuters from an authoritative source that the Cabinet Economy Committee has definitely decided that the Budget must be balanced and that the fundamental principle to be applied to this end is equal sacrifice and effort on the part of all sections of the population.

Decision Reached.

Various classes of expenditure have been scrutinised from the viewpoint of effecting the economies necessary and a decision has been reached in regard to the road to be followed.

The Treasury is now examining in detail certain proposals for submission to the Committee which is meeting again on Monday.

Well-informed quarters assert that the Committee has come to the conclusion that the finances of Great Britain are in every way sound and that the recent fluctuations in sterling exchange have been superficial, bearing not the least connection with the general state of the country's finances.

The present position is regarded as an emergency requiring emergency methods.

Swift Action Necessary.

It is authoritatively stated that the carrying out of the report may necessitate a series of bills sufficient to occupy two sessions of the House of Commons, whereas the position demands that the necessary changes be effected with as little delay as possible.

The Cabinet Committee will remain in session as long as it is necessary to complete its work, and it is hinted if a legislation is required, it will carry out any proposals made.

The House of Commons may be summoned to meet earlier than in the Autumn.

Government circles do not regard the visit of the Conservative and Liberal leaders to Downing Street as meaning the establishment of a three-party conference. It is firmly stated on the other hand that the ultimate proposals for economy will be submitted on the sole authority of the Government, though it is hoped that there will be consultation with the leaders of the Opposition from time to time with a view to obtaining the greatest measure of agreement.

Baseless Rumour.

The opinion is also expressed that if the proposed broad lines of economy are followed out, the voluntary conversion of the Five Per Cent War Loan and other high-interest Government stocks will be easy.

It is authoritatively stated that the suggestion that Mr. Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been considering a scheme for compulsory conversion is baseless. Mr. Stanley Baldwin left for France this evening and Mr. Neville Chamberlain for Scotland, but both are ready to return to London immediately should it be thought necessary.

ROUND TABLE
CONFERENCE.CONGRESS PARTY NOT TO
PARTICIPATE?

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

SIMLA, Aug. 14.
Authoritative circles regard that negotiations to enable the Congress Party to participate in the Round Table Conference is in no way closed as it is understood eleven hour efforts are being made to press the Congress Executive to revise its decision to boycott the Conference. Telegrams referring to this have been sent from Simla to Gandhi, Jayakar and Sir Tej Sapru. Although the appointment of the tribunal demanded by Gandhi is impossible, both the Viceroy and Sir Ernest Holt (acting Governor of Bombay) are well disposed to the examination of the alleged serious breaches of the Delhi Pact.

Impartial Tribunal Refused.

BOMBAY, Aug. 13.
"As far as I am aware there is no question of resuming the civil disobedience movement at once," said Gandhi, in an interview with Reuters.

He added that there could be no question of re-opening negotiations with the Viceroy regarding Congress representation at the Round Table Conference, but the Irwin-Gandhi Pact was not necessarily terminated.

"Congress will make every effort to work for a settlement amicably," The Congress Working Committee states that Gandhi asked for the appointment of an impartial tribunal to investigate the alleged breaches of the Pact, but the Government refused.

Alleged Coercion.

RUGBY, Aug. 13.
The news of the Congress decision reached London to-day. It was arrived at following the receipt by Gandhi of what was regarded as an unsatisfactory reply from the Viceroy to whom he had addressed grievances alleging coercion in the collection of land tax in Gujarat.

The Bombay Government, after examining these allegations, had found that only the ordinary legal procedure had been followed, and that there had been no breach of the Delhi Truce.

Conference to Go On.

Although the decision of Congress will be received with regret by those both in England and in India who have endeavoured to secure the co-operation of the Congress Party in the resumed discussion of the Round Table Conference, that Conference will proceed with its work according to plan.

It will be recalled that the co-operation of Congress in the Conference was one of the primary objects of the agreement arrived at between Lord Irwin and Gandhi on March 5 this year. The authorities in India have carried out the terms of the agreement both in the letter and the spirit and everything possible consistent with the responsibility of the authorities for the operation of ordinary law has been done to smooth away difficulties.

FRENCH PREMIER INVITED
TO BERLIN.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

PARIS, Aug. 13.
M. Laval has been officially invited to visit Berlin and may go towards the end of August.

THOUSAND INOCULATIONS
IN A DAY.

GIRL NURSES RECORD.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

BASRAH, Aug. 14.
A British girl nurse established a women's record by inoculating in one day a thousand Arabs against cholera, the outbreak of which brought thousands of Arabs from the desert marshes and river villages for miles round swarming to the Royal Air Force which is isolated has suffered no cases.

ALLEGED CARELESSNESS.

TAI CHI TAO RESIGNS.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NANKING, Aug. 14.
A mild sensation was caused here to-day when Mr. Tai Chi Tao, President of the Examination Yuan, resigned at his request. "Carelessness" in conducting a recent state examination of candidates for the Government service.

HANKOW FLOODS
INCREASE.CITY UNDER FIFTEEN FEET
FEET OF WATER.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Shanghai, August 14.
A message from Hankow states that the flood situation is worse to-day, the water rising eighteen inches.

The Japanese Concession, which was the last area to remain dry, is now under three feet of water. The ex-British Concession is now under ten feet and the Chinese City under fifteen feet, but the people are clinging to their homes and are living on the roofs of their houses.

"CHINA'S MOST SERIOUS
CALAMITY."RELIEF COMMISSION
APPOINTED.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NANKING, Aug. 14.
The National Government to-day created a National Flood Relief Commission to deal with the unprecedented flood situation in the Yangtze Valley and elsewhere, which constitutes "the most serious natural calamity in China in recent years."

Mr. T. V. Soong was appointed Chairman of the Commission which will co-operate with specially qualified persons, both Chinese and foreign.

A detailed survey will immediately be undertaken by the Commission arranging co-operation with various large private organisations, such as the Millers' Association, Bank of China, the Standard Oil Co. of New York, the British-American Tobacco Company and various Mission boards.

John Earl Baker, who has had extensive experience in famine relief, will be lent to the Commission by the Ministry of Railways.

The Commission's work will extend over several months as millions of farmers lost all and must be carried over the Spring planting.

The Yangtze basin is economical the most important part of China and the Government realises the necessity of saving the unfortunate people and restoring the productivity in this area.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.25 p.m., stated—

A feeble anti-cyclone is central to the east of Japan. The depression appears to be central to the N.E. of the Macleod field Bank, it is nearly stationary or moving slowly westward.

Local Forecast:—E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy, some rain.

EUROPE-AMERICA AIR
ROUTE.GERMAN SETS OUT ON
SURVEY.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

REYKJAVIK, Aug. 13.
The German aviator, Herr Gronau, who is surveying for a Europe-America air route, similar to that on which Parker Cramer was engaged when he disappeared and has not since been heard of, has taken off for Scoresby Sound in Greenland.

Gronau arrived here on Sunday. He has advance depots in Greenland.

Cramer's Body Sighted?
A body, believed to be that of Mr. Parker Cramer, has been sighted near the Shetland Islands by a Norwegian fishing vessel.

The weather prevented the picking up of the body.

Mr. Cramer left Lerwick for Copenhagen on Sunday.

GIANTNESS OF THE SEAS.

NEW CUNARDER TO BE
LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Aug. 13.
Excellent progress has been made with the construction of the giant new Cunarder in the Clyde yards. It is now anticipated that the liner, which is expected to be the fastest afloat, with a speed of over thirty knots, will be launched in February.

LINDBERGH CHANGES
HIS PLANS.TO FLY ROUND THE
WORLD.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 14.
After reaching Tokyo the Lindberghs expect to continue on a flight round the world.

Col. Lindbergh without detailing his route said: "The flight will be extended by a series of flights towards Europe."

ALLEGED SCOTTISH SILK
FRAUD.

ONE OF ACCUSED RELEASED.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 13.
It was announced to-day that the Crown authorities have decided not to proceed with the charges against John Gardner, one of thirteen prominent West Scotland and North of England business men who in February last appeared at the Glasgow Sheriff's Court in connection with alleged fraud and false pretences arising from investigation of the affairs of the Scottish Amalgamated Silks, Ltd.

There are now twelve accused to be tried, but the case against these men has not yet been formally opened.

MALARIA PREVENTATIVE.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 14.
Experiments in London have definitely established the efficacy of Plasmoquine as a preventative of malaria, according to the *Lancet*.

Eight men and a woman volunteered to run the risk of experiment. They were dosed with Plasmoquine a day before allowing malaria mosquitoes in jars to bite their forearms through gauze.

Some were bitten five times. They were then given another dose but none developed any symptoms of malaria.

This contrasts with the experience of a patient in the hospital where he was undergoing malaria therapy and who was bitten at the same time and not given Plasmoquine. He was in the throes of malaria two days later.

GOLD REEF DISCOVERED
IN S. AFRICA.

Cape Town, August 8.—It is reported that three big new gold mines are being opened up by a mining group near Krugersdorp in the Transvaal following the discovery of a gold reef, which extends further than was at first supposed.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION
IN GERMANY.

Berlin, August 10.—A terrific explosion wrecking the surrounding area within a radius of two miles occurred this morning in the powder factory at Rhineland, near Wittenberg. Thousands of window panes were smashed. The extent of the damage is not yet known, nor could it be ascertained whether any lives were lost in the explosion.

VIOLENT STORM ON
FRENCH COAST.CONSUL AMONG MANY
VICTIMS OF DISASTER.

Toulon, Aug. 9.—A violent storm along the south coast of France has caused a number of deaths. Many boats were capsized in the heavy seas.

Among those drowned is the French Consul at Valparaiso, Chile, who was home on leave.

TOWN ESCAPES GASSING.

POLICE AND FIREMEN SAVE
INHABITANTS.

Brussels, Aug. 9.—Many of the 70,000 inhabitants of Molenbeek, a suburb of Brussels, owe their lives to the prompt action of the firemen and police.

About 1 o'clock this morning, a sudden accidental diminution of gas pressure caused all the lights in the streets and houses to go out. Later the pressure returned and gas hissed from thousands of unlit jets.

The people were awakened in alarm by police and firemen shouting through the streets and knocking at doors. Though it was many hours before the strong smell of gas dissipated, not a single casualty was reported.

CUBAN SITUATION
SERIOUS.THOUSANDS OF REBELS
UNDER ARMS.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

HAVANA, Aug. 14.
President Machado has offered an amnesty to all rebels disarming within twenty-four hours.

War measures against the rebels, however, are still being prosecuted. Congress sessions have ceased and retired officers, men and reserves are being called to the colours.

HAVANA, Aug. 13.

A fever heat of excitement prevails in Havana in consequence of alarmist rumours, arriving hourly from the interior, where it is reported that thousands of rebels are under arms.

A little has been heard between the rebels and the Government forces for the past eight hours near Cienfuegos, but the result of the encounter is not yet known, though distant rifle fire can be heard in the capital, the sound being reminiscent of wartime in London when the wind was blowing from the Continent.

The strength of the rebel forces is unknown, but the Government claim to be able to put into the field 12,500 soldiers and 3,000 marines, and to double this strength should it become necessary.

Rebel bombs and ammunition of European manufacture which were landed in Cuba last week by gun-running vessels have been seized.

BANK CLERK
MURDERED.SHOCKING CRIME NEAR
GLASGOW.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 13.

The Glasgow police have broadcast throughout the country the descriptions of three youths between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one, alleged to be deserters from the Cameronian Highlanders, whom they are anxious to see in connection with a shocking murder.

The victim of the crime was Robert Wilson Guthrie Donald, a young bank clerk, employed at a branch of the Clydesdale Bank, at Clydebank, near Glasgow.

Young Donald was found lying behind the counter of the bank with his head battered in. He was also suffering from a shot wound.

He died five minutes after it had been discovered that the murderers had got away with £1,520 in notes which were on the bank premises.

NANKING-PEIPING AIR
SERVICE.OPERATIONS TO RESUME ON
AUGUST 22.

According to a statement made to the *North-China Daily News* by Mr. Hsi C. Wang, managing director of the China National Aviation Corporation, the Nanking-Beiping Air Service, which was suspended some time ago to enable the machines to be overhauled, will be resumed on August 22.

Mr. Wang also stated that the aeroplane of the Corporation's Shanghai-Hankow Service do not now stop at Wuhu.

NEW LABOUR LAWS IN
MEXICO.CHINESE BUSINESS AFFECT-
ED BY ORDER TO EMPLOY
NATIVES.

Mexico City, Mex., Aug. 8.—The Chamber of Deputies of the Mexican National Congress to-day transmitted to the Senate the Labour Bill without amending the provision requiring all companies to have 80 per cent. of their employees naturalized or native Mexicans.

The clause in the bill particularly affects Chinese. Recently there were anti-Chinese riots in the State of Sonora because the Mexicans insisted that the Chinese were attempting to evade the Mexican labour laws.

Chinese assert that if their staffs are to be 80 per cent. Mexican they will be forced out of business.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST
CHIANG KAI SHEK.HUNAN: THE CENTRE OF
CIVIL WAR.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Aug. 14.
Open hostility between Nanking and Canton is imminent, as the opposing armies converge in Changsha; according to a *communiqué* from Hunan received here to-day. The first clash in China's latest civil war will most likely take place in Hengchow, an important commercial centre some 60 or 70 miles south of Changsha, the capital of Hunan. Two divisions of Nanking troops, under General Hsu Yuan Tsun, are leaving Yochow for Changsha in compliance with an order from Marshal Chiang Kai Shek. The main body of the Nanking troops, which is concentrated in Kichiang, is also being ordered to Hunan to cope with the situation.

Martial Law.

Martial law has been declared in Changsha and Hengchow. The inhabitants and merchants there are apprehensive, and business is at a standstill.

General Ho Chien, Governor of Hunan, has tendered his resignation to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, declaring that he is not equal to the task. The Nanking Marshal has not as yet accepted his resignation. General Liu Kiu Siu, a subordinate of General Ho Chien, is reported to have gone over to the Canton side, thereby causing the Governor much anxiety. Mr. Chow Tao Nua, a representative of General Liu, arrived in Canton yesterday and is conferring with the local authorities regarding the Hunan situation.

That Hunan will be the theatre of the present civil war is evident. The vanguard of the Cantonese army has arrived in Ping Shek, while the Kwangsi army is now encamped in Yungchow in southern Hunan. Cantonese planes are daily flying far into Hunan, reconnoitring enemy positions.

WAR, UNLESS CHIANG
GOES.WANG CHING WEI'S
DECLARATION.

[CENTRAL PRESS.]

CANTON, Aug. 13.
Mr. Wang Ching Wei emphatically denied that there would ever be peace or compromise with Nanking so long as Chiang Kai Shek was at the helm of the Nanking Government, in an interview with representatives of the Press.

The only peace terms that Canton will accept is that Chiang must resign, declared Mr. Wang. The peace proposal comes from Mr. Chang Chi and Mr. Wu Teh Chong, important officials of the Nanking Government. According to Mr. Wang, peace can only be materialized if these Nanking officials can persuade Chiang to resign.

Mr. Wang pointed out that the object of the overthrow of Chiang Kai Shek is to eliminate dictatorial rule and if Chiang did not resign, individual rule and autocracy could not be eradicated. So there was no alternative of peace unless Chiang forswore his dictatorial power and resigns for the good of the nation.

Mr. Wang admits that General Han Fu Chu has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Fifth Group Army by the National Government. General Han will lead the North-Western troops to attack Chiang pending orders from the National Government.

Referring to the attitude of the 16th Route Army, Mr. Wang states that Generals Chiang Kwan Nai and Tai Ting Kai are very friendly with Canton and they will not be utilized by Chiang.

Mr. Wang declines to disclose the recent military movements of the First and Fourth Group Armies as secrecy is necessary.

MORE POLITICAL ILLNESS.
CHEN SUFFERING FROM
SUNSTROKE!

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Aug. 14.
It is officially announced that General Chen Tai Tong is suffering from sun-stroke and, complying with his doctor's advice, he has not attended to official business for two days.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wang Ching Wei is also reported to be suffering from influenza, and has applied to the National Government for five days' rest.

A later report states that Mr. Wang Ching Wei proceeded to Hong Kong this morning by the s.s. Kishio. He was accompanied by his wife and a German doctor.

CHEN LEAVES JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Kobe, Aug. 14.
Mr. Eugene Chen and his party left this afternoon on board the s.s. Kitano Maru for Hong Kong.

Sports News

SUCCESSFUL YEAR REVIEWED.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

MR. J. W. C. BONNAR THE NEW PRESIDENT.

A very successful year's working was reviewed by Mr. R. K. Duncan, who presided at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Football Club, which was held in the offices of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce last evening. Supporting the Chairman were Dr. McElroy, Messrs. H. G. Wallington, W. L. Alexander (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. H. M. McTavish (Hon. Secretary).

There was considerable discussion following the proposal from the chair to raise the subscription of senior members (those over 21 years of age), but eventually the meeting voted in favour of it.

In the course of the discussion, it was revealed that there was a scheme afoot for laying out a lawn bowls green and two badminton courts. It was stated that applications had already been sent in to the Government who invited the Club to submit their plans.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar was elected President for the ensuing year. In thanking the members for the honour they had done him, Mr. Bonnar said he would do all he could to help the Club. The last time he was made President was twenty years ago but he felt sure that with the support of a crowd of such fine sportsmen, his duties would always be very pleasant.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—In the absence of our esteemed President and Vice-President, who are both on holiday, I have been asked to preside at this, the 44th, annual general meeting of this Club.

The membership is still on the increase, the number now on the list being 589. When you look back only a few years to the time when we had to be content with a makeshift for a Club-house, and compare the Club then with to-day, with its fine permanent building, modern in every way, you will realise the progress that has been made in recent years. The Club for many years has been fortunate in the choice of sound committee men and hard working officials, and to these gentlemen we are greatly indebted for our present healthy position.

As may be seen from the annual report, rugby has had a most successful season, the climax being the record victory of 21 points to 3 against a strong Shanghai team in the interport game.

Unfortunately the soccer season was not so successful, and it was left to the young second eleven to keep the soccer flag flying; this they did exceptionally well, and I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating them on a good season's sport.

During the year our worthy Vice-President, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, went home on leave, and we look forward to his return early in the new season, full of vigour, and willing to assist once again in the management of the affairs of the Club.

We were unfortunate to lose two of our most popular members—Jimmy Bonnar, Vice-Captain of the rugby side—who was transferred to Singapore and Jimmy Stewart, our stalwart soccer centre-half, who did yeoman service for the long period of 17 seasons; he has now returned to England.

In turning to the financial side of the Club you will see that a net profit of \$3,931.63 was made on the year's working, against a loss of \$3,931.10 for the previous year. This, you will agree, is a most gratifying result.

Sound Financial Position.

The financial position of the Club is sound as may be seen from the balance sheet. With a membership of almost 600 the small sum of \$130 to be written off as bad debts speaks for itself.

A great amount of credit is due to the retiring committee for the efficient manner in which the business has been conducted throughout the year, and on behalf of the Club, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them for work well done.

I would also like to thank the various sub-committees for their work throughout the year, and I feel I must specially mention our honorary secretary, Mr. McTavish, and our bar convener, Mr. R. B. Bell. No one but the few who are in touch with these two offices have any conception of the amount of work and worry that is connected therewith, and I can only speak in the highest terms of the splendid results of the efforts of these two members.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

HOME CRICKET.

SOMERSET DEFEAT NORTHANTS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Aug. 13. At Weston-Super-Mare to-day Somersetshire defeated their visitors, Northamptonshire, by nine wickets after two days' play.

Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—
Somersetshire beat Northamptonshire by nine wickets at Weston-Super-Mare.
Scores:—
Northants: 99 and 164.
Somerset: 235 and 29 for 1.

GARRISON BILLIARDS.

DATES OF COMPETITIONS.

The following final matches in the various Billiards Competition controlled by the Hong Kong Area Sports Board will be held at the Soldiers' Club, commencing at 9 p.m. each evening:—

August 17:—
Garrison League:—1/South Wales Borderers—Winners A Section; 1/South Wales Borderers—Winners B Section.

August 18:—
Garrison Challenge Cup:—Royal Engineers v. H.Q. Wing, 1st South Wales Borderers.

August 19:—
Individual Championship:—Staff Sergeant Pollard, R.E. v. L/Cpl. Cottle, R.E.

August 20-21:—
Soldiers' Club Tournament (four games each evening):—Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps v. Prison Officers' Mess.

Trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the last game on Friday, August 21.

PING PONG.

LADIES' TRIANGULAR INTERPORT.

Owing to the keen co-operation of the Committee of the Hong Kong Ping Pong League and with the generous support of Miss K. H. Lo, the manager of the South China Ladies' Department, a Ladies' Triangular Interport Ping Pong match between Canton, Macao and Hong Kong is going to be arranged. Mr. Ho Sai In, the honorary president of the Ping Pong League, has kindly consented to present another handsome silver challenge cup for the winners in memory of his mother, the late Mrs. Ho Chak Sang.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

9.20 a.m.—J. R. Hinton and R. H. Wild.
9.24 .. —W. C. Shields and G. Castle.
9.29 .. —A. C. I. Bowker and A. Leach.
9.32 .. —A. D. Humphreys and O. Eager.

I must also thank the treasurers for their work during the year, and especially Mr. Alexander, our hon. treasurer. Thanks are also due to our honorary auditors, Messrs. F. R. West and E. B. Gammell, and the Club is grateful to them for what they have done.

I think I have touched on all the important points of the year's work, and I have now much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, and when some member has seconded this I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions that any members may wish to ask.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—
President: Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar.
Vice-President: Mr. H. R. Forsyth.

Chairman of Committee: Mr. R. K. Duncan.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. M. McTavish.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. Macfarlane.

Capt. of Soccer: Mr. W. L. Alexander.

Vice-Capt. of Soccer: Dr. McElroy.

Vice-Capt. of Rugby: Mr. J. P. Witham.

Rugby representatives on Committee: Dr. Selby, Messrs. J. Ralston and B. P. Massey.

Soccer representatives on Committee: Messrs. W. Pryde, W. Bell and H. G. Wallington.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Chairman of Commerce for kindly lending their offices for the occasion and to the Chairman.

LAWN BOWLS.

WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

The full programme of lawn bowls League matches fixed for August 1, which had to be postponed owing to the typhoon, are due for play this afternoon, but it is extremely doubtful whether any of these games will be undertaken, even if the weather clears in the morning, owing to the flooded state of the grounds. The fixtures are as under:—

Division I.

Kowloon Dock v. Craigengower.
Kowloon C.C. v. Bowling Green.
Police v. Club de Recreo.

Division II.

Civil Service v. Taikoo.
Taikoo v. Yacht Club.
Bowling Green v. Electric R.O.
Craigengower v. Kowloon C.C.
Recreo v. Civil Service.

LEAGUE TEAMS.

The following are some of the League teams announced for to-day's games:—

Club de Recreo.

Recreo senior team (away) v. Police at 3.30 p.m.—A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza and R. F. Luz (Skip).

Dr. R. A. C. Basto, C. A. Lopes, A. C. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

C. H. Basto, A. H. Basto, C. E. Marques and L. A. Gutierrez (Skip).

Recreo junior team (home) v. Civil Service at 3.30 p.m.—E. L. Barros, J. M. S. Rosario, A. E. S. Alves and J. G. Ozorio (Skip).

F. A. Xavier, J. M. M. Alves, J. J. Basto and F. V. Ribeiro (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, F. A. MacLado, H. Rozario and F. X. M. Silva (Skip).

Civil Service C.C.

Civil Service senior team (home) v. Taikoo:—S. Randle, S. Alderman, A. H. Owick and J. Gregory (Skip).

Jas. T. Dobbie, L. E. Longbottom, E. L. Holland and A. O. Brown (Skip).

F. Jones, H. Westlake, J. Deakin and J. Hollidge (Skip).

Civil Service junior team (away) v. Club de Recreo:—N. Bobbington, C. Strange, J. Massey and F. H. W. Haynes (Skip).

J. Willmott, R. R. Wood, W. Bickford and H. Strange (Skip).

P. Knight, L. Luck, R. P. Davies and W. E. Hollands (Skip).

Reserves:—J. McDowan and H. Lockhart.

Kowloon Bowling G.C.

K.B.G.C. senior team (away) v. Kowloon C.C. at 3.30 p.m.—S. Ecclesham, G. H. Sherriff, H. Nish and W. Russell (Skip).

G. J. Chambers, T. S. W. West, D. F. Warren and G. E. Royle (Skip).

G. N. Mitchell, R. S. Nichol, E. W. L. Hogbin and L. Guy (Skip).

K.B.G.C. junior team (home) v. Electric R.O. at 3.30 p.m.—F. Stoneham, W. Venables, W. E. Hale and A. W. E. Davidson (Skip).

C. S. Beat, G. E. F. Thompson, H. H. Rose and W. S. Drake (Skip).

F. B. Whitta, J. G. Mayer, F. L. Hapley and V. Petherick (Skip).

Electric R.O.

Hong Kong Electric R.O. team (away) v. K.B.G.C.—A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Wax, D. S. Hill and W. H. B. Muskett (Skip).

R. C. Butler, G. Thomson, C. E. Gahagan and S. Denon (Skip).

J. Sloan, F. Norrington, G. T. Padgett and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

Reserve:—H. S. McKay and W. Stoker.

SUNDAY'S GAMES.

SPEY ROYAL CUP MATCH IN KOWLOON.
Craigengower and Taikoo have arranged to play their Spey Royal Cup match to-morrow on the K.B.G.C. ground commencing at 4 p.m.

In the earlier game, Craigengower eliminated the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, while Taikoo, who have drawn a bye, are making their first appearance. Craigengower's team will be G. L. Buchanan, R. Bana, E. Arculli and U. E. Omar (Skip).

Prisons v. S.C. and A. Staff.
In the Inter-Departmental Tournament (Goacombe-O'Sullivan Cup), the Prisons Department will play the S.C. and A. (Senior Clerical and Accounting) Staff to-morrow. All the games in this tournament takes place on the Police ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.

III.—THE CRAWL STROKE.

TO CRAWL DOES NOT MEAN "HOLD YOUR BREATH."

Correct Breathing and relaxation are important factors in all branches of athletics which call for endurance. In no sport is breathing either so important or so difficult as in swimming, where we have the water to contend with. As in any other unaccustomed movement, so in swimming, relaxation may only be acquired by practice.

Breathing.

Many novices imagine that in correct crawl swimming it is a great achievement to hold their breath for half a length or more of the bath. Let me say emphatically before I go any further that this is not so. You are far more than you gain by it. Regular and frequent breathing is essential.

When one has become a proficient crawl swimmer, and not until then, it may possibly be an advantage to hold the breath for two or three strokes, but only when going for a short dash.

The usual timing for breathing is to inhale while one arm is recovering and to exhale while the same arm is pulling through the water and the other recovering. Thus you breathe in and out once to each complete arm cycle, always inhaling over the same shoulder.

Another method which may have something to recommend it for short sprints is to inhale while one arm is recovering, hold your breath while that arm pulls, exhale while the other arm pulls, and inhale while it recovers. By this method you breathe in on alternate sides, inhaling and exhaling once to every one and a half complete arm cycles.

Dealing with the first method which is the one that I use: find out which way is the easier to turn the head for inhaling and keep to that side. Never roll from side to side. Inhale on one side and exhale hard under water with eyes front.

I breathe over my right shoulder, therefore my head, although it must move separately from my shoulders and body, follows my right arm round.

At the same time that I am making the effort to drive through the water with my right arm I make the effort to breathe over my head under water, first through my mouth as I am closing it, then through my nose.

My right arm is now recovering, so my head is turned to the side. I am inhaling through my mouth only. Never inhale through your nose when swimming, because if there is any water in it you will choke; also it is necessary to get the maximum amount of air into your lungs during the short period that your mouth is above water.

Keep your head turned to the side until the elbow is in line with your eyes, then turn eyes front, not down, and commence to exhale again as you begin the arm pull.

Exhaling is the more difficult part of breathing as you have the pressure of the water to blow against.

The beginner's chief fault is trying to inhale and exhale during the short period that the head is turned to the side, with the result that he does not fill or empty his lungs and usually gets a mouthful of water. Another common fault is to get only a small bite of air instead of using the whole lungs. This is often due to tensing the neck and throat muscles.

To sum up: With eyes front exhale slowly and forcibly under water.

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BAND CONCERT.

PROGRAMME FOR MONDAY NIGHT.

The following is the programme for the concert by the Band of the 1st Batta. South Wales Borderers, which will be held in the Botanical Gardens on Monday night at 9.15:—

1.—Overture: "Ray Blas"
Mendelssohn.
2.—Three Dances: "Henry VIII."
German.
(a)—The Morris.
(b)—The Shepherds.
(c)—The Torch.

3.—Grand Selection: "I Pagliacci"
Leoncavallo.
4.—Tango: "Serenade of Love"
Romberg.

Interval.
5.—Selection: "The Gondoliers"
Sullivan.
6.—Large in G.
7.—Potpourri: "Song o' my Heart"
arr. Duthoit.
8.—Grand Military Tattoo: "Rogan."
Wladly Nhadau.

9.—Welsh National Hymn: "Hen Wladfyrdd."
10.—The Warwickshire Lads and Lassies.
11.—March of the Men of Harlech.
12.—God Bless the Prince of Wales.
God Save the King.

ST. ANDREW'S Y.M. CLUB.

AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

On Thursday evening before a small but very appreciative audience, an enjoyable concert, arranged by the committee of St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, was held in the Church Hall. Songs, recitations, and musical items made the first half of the programme, all the artists being accorded well merited applause for their efforts.

Those taking part in this section of the entertainment were Mrs. H. Kew, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, the Rev. N. V. Howard, and Messrs. J. and R. Baldwin, all of whom are well known to local audiences.

The second half of the programme was devoted to the production of George Bernard Shaw's comedy, "How He Lied to Her Husband," the parts being admirably acted by Miss W. Robinson, Mr. R. Wocley and Mr. A. Bliss. The production was in the able hands of Mr. S. A. Sweet who is to be congratulated on his work.

The next event arranged by St. Andrew's Club is the Literary Evening being held on Monday night, the 17th inst. With the knowledge of the fare that the club provides on these occasions we think that the Literary Evening will be well supported.

way so that you feel the bubbles coming up round your face. Turn the head gently to the side. Inhale through the mouth only, taking as much air as possible into the lungs during the time available.

Relaxation.
Nearly every beginner and even a number of experienced crawl swimmers complain that they cannot last for any distance. This is partly due to incorrect breathing but more to the lack of relaxation.

In the crawl stroke it is difficult to say at what point the legs are more relaxed than another. I think that they should be partially relaxed the whole time. The unemployed arm should be completely relaxed from the moment it breaks the water near the thigh until the point of re-entry. The neck muscles must never be tensed.

The ideal to aim at is the maximum result with the minimum effort. Relaxation conserves energy.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

DEFENCE CORPS.

(ORDERS BY LIEUT. COLONEL L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., O.B.E.)

Parades.

Corps Band:—The Band will parade for Band Practices at Headquarters on the following dates:—August 17, 20 and 24.

These are very important practices and must be taken advantage of.

Battery:—There will be a lecture by Captain S. E. G. Ponder, M.C., R.A., on Monday, August 17, at 5.30 p.m., at Headquarters. N.C.O.'s especially are requested to attend.

Corps Signals:—Musketry practices will be fired at the Peak Range on Sunday, August 18. Firing will commence at 9.30 a.m. Uniform is optional but equipment must be worn. It is requested that all members of the Corps Signals attend. These are practices preliminary to classification.

Armoured Car Company:—Car Section: There will be a parade at Headquarters on Monday, August 17, at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Instructors Class parade at Headquarters on Friday, August 21, at 5.30 p.m.

Machine Gun Company:—Parade: Tuesday, August 18.
"D" Section, No. 2 Platoon, Elementary Machine Gun Training under the Adjutant and Captain E. J. R. Mitchell.

N.C.O.'s under Sergeant C. E. M. Terry: Fire Control.
Recruits under C.S.M. Slattery.

Portuguese Co.:—All N.C.O.'s will attend the N.C.O.'s examination at Headquarters on Fridays, August 21, 28 and September 4.

The Officers commanding the undemonstrated Units will issue their Orders separately to their commands:—
I.—Engineer Company.
II.—Machine Gun Troop.

Amendment.
Corps Orders No. 33/31 of August 1931, Para 3. "Machine Gun Company" should read "Machine Gun Troop."

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Corps Orders No. 33/31 of August 1931, Para 3. "Machine Gun Company" should read "Machine Gun Troop."

Struck Off the Strength.
Having completed three years' service:—No. 1131 Pte. G. A. Ribeiro, No. 10 Platoon, as from August 14, 1931.

Transferred to another post:—No. 783 Gnr. M. D. Scott, Battery, as from August 14, 1931; No. 793 Gnr. G. D. Mead, as from August 14, 1931.

Leave:
2nd Lieut. J. H. Lawrence, No. 8 Platoon, granted 3 weeks' leave from September 8 to 27, 1931.

No. 060 Pte. M. Nicholson, Reserve Company, granted six months' leave, from August 8, 1931, to February 7, 1932.

W. H. G. GOATER, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Results of the Semi-Final of the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament, 1931:—
H.K.V.D.C.:—
Points.
L/Cpl. M. A. Baptista 200
L/Cpl. A. P. Silva 200
Pte. L. Lima 200
Pte. E. A. V. Remedios 200
L/Cpl. J. C. Remedios 183
Sgt. F. P. Sequeira 158
Pte. M. M. Silva 200

Total 1,539
R.A.O.C., 1,280 points.

The following letter has been received from Chairman, Command Billiards Committee:—
Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Dear Sir:—The final of the above tournament will take place at the Soldiers' Club at 6 p.m. on August 20 and 21 four games each night.

The presentation of Trophies will be made by Brigadier F. H. Burnell-Nugent, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding the British Troops in China, at the conclusion of the last game on Friday, August 21.

If any of your members would like to attend they will be very welcome.—Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) P. T. MAHONY,
Lieutenant, R.E.,
Chairman, Command Billiards Committee.

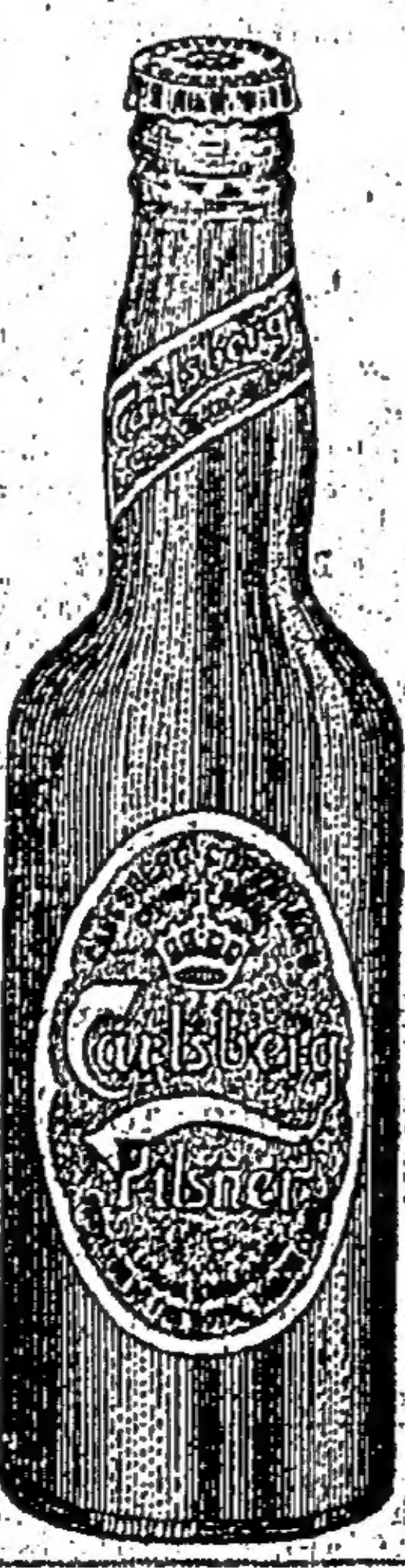
The finals will be H.K.V.D.C. v. the Prison Staff.

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"SINS OF THE CHILDREN."

Variety is the motto of motion
picture producers and Metro-
Goldwyn-Mayer is proving no ex-
ception to the rule. Having re-
cently offered movie-goers a wide
choice of back-stage comedies,
musical revues, English drawing-
room farces, sophisticated divorce
dramas and stories of the great
outdoors, it is now presenting
"Sins of the Children," an in-
imate story of family life, of the
type which Emil Jennings made
so popular.

The picture is showing for the
first time to-day at the Queen's
Theatre with a cast which includes
Lola Lane, Robert Montgomery,
Ellick Nugent, Leila Hyams,
Clara Blandick, Mary Doran,
Francis X. Bushman, J. C. Roper,
McWade, Dell Henderson, Henry
Armetta, June Reid, James Donlan,
Jean Wood, Leo Kuhlman and a
number of child actors. Mugent,
incidentally, repeated his achieve-
ment with "Wise Girls," in re-
spect to not only acting in the pic-
ture but collaborating on the story
with his father J. C. Nugent.
Samuel Ornitz, author of "The
Yankee Passionist" and other
novels, did the adaptation.

Main, who is probably one of
the best-known actors on the Ameri-
can stage as a contemporary of
Weber and Fields, David Warfield,
David Bolace and De Wolf Hop-
per, makes his initial appearance
on the screen in "Sins of the
Children." He was induced to
play the featured role of the old
German barber with in Hollywood
for the purpose of appearing in
the old-time section of M-G-M's
forthcoming extravaganza of the
past, present and future, tempo-
rarily titled "March of Time."

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

Ludie La Verne, one of Ameri-
ca's most versatile actresses, who
starred London recently with her
be-whiskered portrayal of Shakes-
peare's "Shylock," adds another
distinctive part to her varied char-
acterizations with her role in
"Abraham Lincoln," D. W. Gris-
fit's all-dialogue production for
United Artists, coming to the
Queen's Theatre tomorrow.

Miss La Verne first made up her
mind she would play in the pic-
ture a month prior to actual film-
ing when she cabled from London
requesting that Griffith consider
her candidacy for the role of Lin-
coln, but Walter Huston was se-
lected for the title role and Miss
La Verne was signed instead for
an important supporting part.

The cast of "Abraham Lincoln"
includes 112 of the stage and
screen's greatest character players,
headed by Walter Huston, Kay
Hammond, Lina Merkel, Ian
Keith, Jason Robards, Robert
Booth and Frank Campeau.

KING'S THEATRE.
SCOTLAND YARD.

Could a woman ever be mistaken
in the identity of her husband?
Modern plastic surgeons reply that
she could.

This theme is strikingly present-
ed in "Scotland Yard," Fox
Movietone drama in which Edmund
Lowe portrays two roles, now to
be seen at the King's Theatre.

In directing this picture, Wil-
liam K. Howard had one of the
most novel, yet at the same time
most dramatic plots ever brought
to the audible screen. The story
deals with the efforts of a criminal
to regain his lost place in decent
society through the love of a faith-
ful wife who accepts him as her
lawful husband.

This tense situation is brought
about when Lowe, as "Dakin Bar-
rolles," the most famous bank rob-
ber in England, forces himself into
Sir John Lasher's honeymoon with
Xandra, portrayed by Joan Ben-
nett. He steals a locket contain-
ing her picture and that of Sir
John.

Later, Sir John is reported mis-
sing. Meantime, Barrolles is
wounded and taken to the base
hospital unconscious. There, the
surgeon rebuilds his face to the
likeness of the one he finds in the
locket, which is that of Sir John
Lasher.

Scotland Yard detectives trace
Barrolles to the hospital, but are
unable to find their man to be Sir
John Lasher. They notify Xandra
that her husband is safe.

Barrolles realizes that if he
makes known the deception, that
has been forced upon him he will
have to give him up to Scotland
Yard. If he remains as Sir
John Lasher, he will deceive the
woman who trusts him and whom
he has learned to love.

What shall he do? The answer
disclosed in the picture is undoubt-
edly the most logical solution that
could be found for such a gripping
problem.

"DON'T BET ON WOMEN."

If the list of film heroines to
whom Edmund Lowe, here, at one

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SCOTLAND YARD

time or another, been husband,
sweetheart, or lover, were made up,
it would read like a "Who's Who"
of filmland. Yet he always man-
ages to impart something original
and different to his interpretation
of the role, depending on the na-
ture and temperament of the lead-
ing lady.

For example, in "Don't Bet On
Women," his latest Fox Movietone
picture in which he is featured
with Jeanette MacDonald, coming
to the King's Theatre next, he
plays the role of a cynical bachel-
or whose motto in life is that "all
women are bad." Miss MacDonald
as the wife of Roland Young makes
it her business to prove that all
women are not so bad, especially
after she finds out that her hus-
band has forced a ten thousand
dollar bet on Lowe that he cannot
kiss her within forty-eight hours.
She makes it a bad forty-eight
hours for both! Thus in previous
pictures where his heroines are
convinced Lowe was very much on
the offensive; in this case Miss
MacDonald has him decidedly on
the defensive.

"This is something different for
me," Lowe remarked during the
filming of the picture. "You
know I've been a married man for
a long time and my real attitude
toward women is very different
from my attitude required by the
role I play." However, in the
picture he has ample opportunity
to suffer a change of heart.

Heading the supporting cast are
such well-known players as Roland
Young, Helene Millard, J. M. Ker-
igan, Una Merkel, and Henry
Kolker. William K. Howard
directed the production, which is
an adaptation by Lynn Starling and
Leon Gordon of William Anthony
McGuire's original story, "All Wo-
men Are Bad."

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11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
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1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail
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7.05 to 7.22 p.m.—

Operatic.

- "Carmen"—Selection (Bizet).—
Creatore and his Band.—3584.
"Rigoletto"—Quartette (Verdi).
"Rigoletto"—Introduction, and
Minuet (Verdi).—Creatore and
his Band.—3582.
7.22 to 7.53 p.m.—

Variety.

- Violin Solo—"Ramon."—Giul-
lietta Morino with Guitar and
piano.
Violin Solo—"Could I."—Giul-
lietta Morino with Guitar.—
12-9122.
Humorous Dialogue—"Eddie
Cantor's Tips on the Stock
Market"—Eddie Cantor.—22189.

Instrumental—"Oriental One
Step."—Fomcen Trio.—V-5.Song—"West Wind."—John
Boles (Tenor).—2220.Piano Solo—"I've Got a Feeling
I'm Falling."—Piano Solo—"Love Me or Leave
Me"—Thomas Waller.—22002.Song—"Lady Luck"—Chick En-
der (Comedian).—22245.8 p.m.—Local time and weather
report.

7.53 to 8.25 p.m.—

Organ Solos.

"First Symphony—Finale" (Vier-
ney)—Fernando Gorman.—22957."Rhapsody in Blue" (Gershwin).
—Jesse Crawford.—22343."Indian Love Call" (Hartbach-
Hammerstein-Friml).
—Jesse Crawford.—22307."Meditation from Thais" (Mas-
senet)—Jesse Crawford.—22155.

8.25 to 8.53 p.m.—

Band Selections.

"Illinois Loyalty" (Gould).
—(a) "Hail to the Orange" (Green-
Hill) (b) "Oskow Wow Wow"
(Green-Hill).—University of
Illinois Military Band.—19335."Lights Out" March (McCoy).
—National Emblem March" (Bag-
ley)—Arthur Pryor's Band.—
19342."American Army March" (Las-
sell).
—Creatore's Band.—19344."Gladiator's Farewell" (Blanken-
burg).
—National Military Band.—
V-13.

8.53 to 9.30 p.m.—

Instrumental.

Piano Solo—"On the Banks of
the Danube" (Keruc)—John
Kurucz.—V-12.Violin Solo—"Ruralia Hungaria"
—Molto Vivace" (Dohnanyi).—
Violin Solo—"Ruralia Hungaria"
—Presto" (Dohnanyi).—Fritz
Krisler.—1423.Trio—"Down in the Forest"
(Sir Landon Ronald).—De
Groot Trio.—V-9.Piano Solo—"Waltz in C Flat
Major" (Chopin).
—22153.Piano Solo—"To Spring"
(Grieg)—Myrtle C. Eaves.—
22153.Violin Solo—"Minuet in G"
(Bethoven).
—22153.Violin Solo—"Serenade in G
Major" (Arensky)—Mischa
Elman.—7392.

9.30 to 11.30 p.m.—

Dance Music.

9.30 to 11.30 p.m.—
Fox Trot—"Building a Home for
You."—Fox Trot—"You don't Need
Glasses."—22704.Fox Trot—"Boy! Oh! Boy! Oh!
Boy! I've got it Bad."—Fox Trot—"Moonlight Saving
Time."—22703.

Fox Trot—"Bashful Baby."—

Waltz—"I've Waited a Lifetime
for You."—22074.

Fox Trot—"Blue Blood Blues."—

Fox Trot—"Oiga."—22081.

Fox Trot—"Roll On, Mississippi
Roll On."—22083.Fox Trot—"Mean, You Mean-
ers."—22083.

Tango—"The Old Gang."—

Tango—"Quack, Quack."—V-19.

Fox Trot—"It's you I Love."—

Fox Trot—"Why?"—22205.

Fox Trot—"Don't Hang Your
Dreams on a Rainbow."—Fox Trot—"The World's Greatest
Sweetheart is You."—22110.

Waltz—"Sweet Blue Bird."—

Waltz—"Honey-moon Waltz."—
18981.Fox Trot—"Doing the Boom
Boom."—Fox Trot—"Look what You've
Done to Me."—22115.Fox Trot—"Red Hot and Blue
Rhythm."—Fox Trot—"I'm a Little Bit Fon-
der of You."—22314.

Fox Trot—"Charming."—

Waltz—"Shepherd's Serenade."—
22233.Fox Trot—"If I could be with
You one hour to-night."—

Fox Trot—"Zonky."—V-38115.

Fox Trot—"Georgia Pines."—

Fox Trot—"Turn on the Heat."—
22195.Tango—"May I Ask for the Next
Tango?"—

Tango—"Two Tears."—V-55.

Fox Trot—"Needin' You like I
Do."—Fox Trot—"When You're Count-
ing the Stars Alone."—22151.

Fox Trot—"Birmingham Bertha."—

Fox Trot—"And Especially You."—
22077.

Waltz—"Old Timer."—

Waltz—"The Waltz I can't For-
get."—21884.10.30 p.m. (approx.)—Rugby mid-
day Press news.

11.30 p.m.—Close down.

Should any additional items be-
come available for broadcasting,
they will, when possible, be includ-
ed between 7.30 and 8 p.m. on the
broadcast programme.

SUNDAY.

11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.—Relay of St.
John's Cathedral Service.

12.15 to 2 p.m.—Chinese programme.

1 p.m.—Local time and weather
report.

2 p.m.—Close down.

3 to 10 p.m.—European pro-
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Moutrie & Co.3 p.m.—Local time, weather re-
port, etc.3.05 to 3.45 p.m.—"Rustic Wedding
Symphony" (Goldmark).—
Played by Vienna Philharmonic
Orchestra, conducted by Robert
Hegerl.—M-103.

3.45 to 9 p.m.—

Sacred Music.

Choral—"Praise to the Holiest."—

Choral—"Art Thou Weary."—
Westminster Central Hall
Choir.—B3827.Choral—"When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross" (Miller).Choral—"The Church's One
Foundation" (Wesley).—Choir
of St. Margaret's Westminster.
—B3746.

9 to 10 p.m.—

A Concert.

Organ Solo—(a) "Moment Musi-
cale," (b) "Scherzo in B Flat"
(Schubert).Organ Solo—"Spirit of the
Dance" (Ewing).—Edward
O'Henry.—B3626.Song—"Olella—Willow Song"
(Verdi).Song—"Otello—Ave Maria"
(Verdi).—Elizabeth Hethberg
(Soprano).—7393.Pianoforte Solo—"Rustle of
Spring" (Sinding).Pianoforte Solo—(a) "Bees' Wed-
ding" (Mendelssohn), (b)
"Etude in G Flat Op. 10, No.
3" (Chopin).—Irene Scharrer.
—D1303.Chorus—"The Boatmen" (Har-
ris).Chorus—"The Three Ravens"
(arr. Kennedy Scott).—John
Goss and the Cathedral Male
Voice Quartette.—B3548.Violin Solo—"This is Medita-
tion" (Maxenet).Violin Solo—"Le Coq d'O"—
Hymn to the Sun" (Rimsky-
Korsakow—Franko).—Mischa
Elman.—7392.Song—"A Word, Allow Me"
(from "Pagliacci"—Leoncaval-
lo).Song—"A Song of Tender Mem-
ories" (from "Pagliacci"
—Leoncavallo).—Peter Dawson
(Bass-Baritone).—C1229.Organ Solo—"To a Wild Rose"
(MacDowell).Organ Solo—"Le Cygne" (Saint-
Saens)—Reginald Goss-Custard,
F.R.C.O.—B3437.Piano Solo—"Spring Song"
(Mendelssohn).Piano Solo—"Murmuring Zep-
hyrs" (Jensen-Nielsen).—
Rudolph Ganz.—1508.

10 p.m.—Close down.

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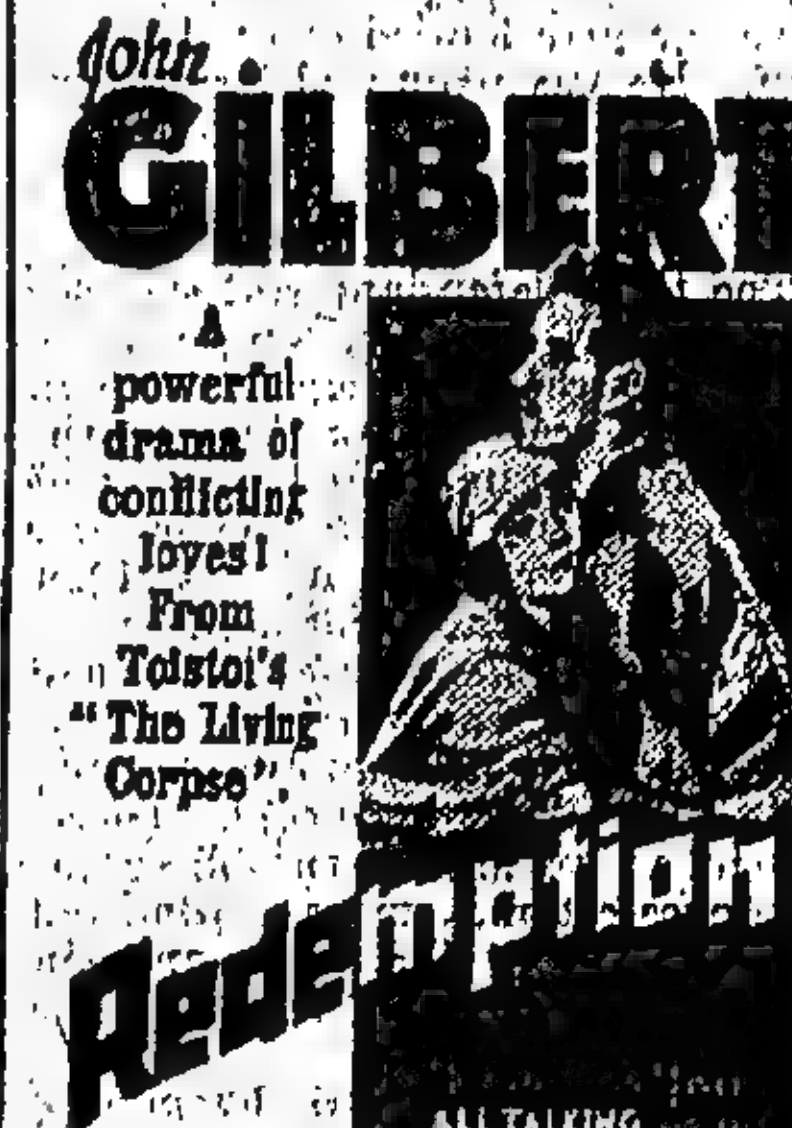


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THEFT FROM THE BRITANNIA.

CREW ABSCOND AFTER DISCOVERY.

TWELVE MONTHS FOR COOK AND SAMPAN-WOMAN.

There was a sequel to the loss of 60 gallons of kerosene on board the motor launch Britannia on August 8, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when Chan Yu Fan, 20, cook on board the Britannia, Lai Yau Kee, 22, a seaman, and To Ho, mistress of passenger boat No. 27817, were charged before Mr. J. A. Fraser with the theft of 50 gallons of kerosene from the Britannia. An additional charge of unlawful possession was preferred against the 1st and 3rd defendant.

Mr. D. B. Evans appeared for the second defendant but the first and third defendants were not legally represented.

Sampans Stopped.

The officer for the prosecution told the Court that at 7.30 p.m. on August 8, he was in a sampan in the Yumati Shallow in the company of another police officer; in another sampan were Chinese detectives. Shortly after they got to the scene, witness saw a sampan going towards the Britannia which was about 50 yards from where they were anchored. About 15 minutes later the sampan came out from behind the launch and proceeded towards them. They stopped the sampan and boarded it when they discovered 13 drums and 1 tin of kerosene. These were covered with a canvas sheet, sitting on which was the first defendant. The woman had charge of the boat and they (1st and 3rd defendants) were taken to the Water Police Station where it was found that the drums and tin contained 50 gallons of kerosene. The next morning the second defendant was brought to the Station.

Crew Abscond.

Mr. Robert Hall, Assistant Government Surveyor, who was the next witness, said that his duties included issuing kerosene to the motor launch Britannia. Witness produced records to show that he issued 176 gallons to the launch and, together with the quantity already in the bunkers, the total came to 210 gallons. Mr. Hall said that between August 4 and August 10, the launch consumed 60 gallons in 6 hours running time and should have had 160 gallons left, but on investigation, it was found that there was a balance of only 101 gallons. There had been no leakage at all—the system had only just been overhauled. Witness concluded by saying that he had full charge of the crew of the Britannia who had all absconded except the seaman (second defendant).

One Defendant Discharged.

Mr. Evans at this stage said that the second defendant was on leave on Saturday and was not, therefore, supposed to be on board. Mr. Hall replied that a report was made to him that evening that a seaman was ordered back to the launch. He duly returned the next morning.

Evidence given by Mr. H. W. V. Chittenden, Government bosun and two Chinese detectives, after which the case against the second defendant was dismissed.

The first defendant pleaded not guilty, saying that he had nothing to do with the theft of the kerosene though he knew that the crew stole the fuel oil which they sold. The proceeds were divided amongst them. On the night of the arrest, the whole crew, except the man who had just been discharged, was present when the 13 drums and tin of kerosene were loaded on to the sampan. He was promised a small reward for taking the kerosene ashore.

A Thin Story.

The third defendant said she was the mistress of a passenger boat. On the night in question a man hired her boat to take him to the Britannia, saying that he was chief engineer of the launch. When they got to the launch the man asked her to wait as he had some kerosene to take ashore. She refused as she had no licence to carry cargo but the man said that he would be responsible if anything happened. In reply to a question by the officer for the prosecution, witness admitted that she carried the drums and tin to the Britannia before they were filled.

The first and third defendants were both convicted on the first charge. The officer for the prosecution asked for a heavy penalty, saying that offences of this nature were very difficult to check.

A sentence of four months imprisonment was passed on each defendant.

THE TRIAL OF LORD KYLSANT.

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extremely difficult for the jury to handle all the documents in the case. He did not think it would be wise for them to have passed around bits of paper which might easily get lost.

"It has been known," he added smilingly, "for jurors and sometimes even judges, my Lord, to pursue their independent investigations."

Mr. Justice Wright took up a formidable-looking pile of papers, and remarked: "It is almost impossible to understand these at this stage. If they are going to be used at all, I suggest that a sort of volume should be made."

"The Ills We Have."

Sir John Simon: I quite realise the difficulty, but it is impossible, with all due deference to the jury, for them or anybody else to follow this case without the documents in front of them. I suggest that the jury might get their first glimpse of this interesting story by having handed to them printed copies of the annual report.

Mr. Justice Wright again took up the thick file of documents and suggested they might be flattened out and rebound.

Sir Patrick Hastings told the judge that he had already considered that point. "But," he added, "it would make a volume about this size"—stretching out his arms at full length.

Mr. Justice Wright: On, then, it is better to bear the ills we have. (Laughter.)

IRELAND, HOME OF THE OPTIMIST.

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once known as the United Kingdom, has been harnessed. Cheap light and power will soon be available all over the country.

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Glenagary, Jardine's, Aug. 23.
Karmala, P. & O., Aug. 29.
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Hector, B.F., Sept. 2.
City of Halifax, Bank, Sept. 4.
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Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Sept. 5.
Gange, Dodwell's, Sept. 9.
Cathay, P. & O., Sept. 12.
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LOS ANGELES.

Pres. Lincoln, A.M.L., Aug. 18.
Tai Yang, Dodwell's, Aug. 18.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 18.
Kurama Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 21.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Sept. 1.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., Sept. 2.
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MANILA.

Change, B. & S., Aug. 18.
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., Aug. 18.
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Gange, Dodwell's, Sept. 9.
Cathay, P. & O., Sept. 12.
Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., Sept. 13.
Sphinx, M.M., Sept. 15.

GOETTERBURG.

Japan, Gilman's, Sept. 1.

HAIPHONG AND HOIEHOW.

Kingyuan, B. & S., Aug. 23.

HAMBURG.

Kulmerland, Jenson, Aug. 17.
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Philoctetes, B.F., Aug. 18.
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Oldenburg, Jenson, Sept. 9.
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Burgeland, Jenson, Sept. 14.
Fulda, Melchers, Sept. 19.
Soudan, P. & O., Sept. 19.

HAVRE.

City of Lille, Bank, Aug. 19.
Padua, P. & O., Aug. 22.
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HULL.

Padua, P. & O., Aug. 22.
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JAPAN PORTS.

Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, Aug. 15.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Aug. 15.
Takotoyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 16.
Burgeland, Jenson, Aug. 16.
Persius, B.F., Aug. 16.
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 17.
Sphinx, M.M., Aug. 18.
Tai Yang, Dodwell's, Aug. 18.
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Kansagara Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 23.
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Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 24.
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 27.
Nankin, P. & O., Aug. 27.
Takada, B.I., Aug. 27.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Aug. 28.
Kalyan, P. & O., Aug. 28.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 28.
Glenlue, Jardine's, Aug. 31.
St. Albans, E. & A., Aug. 31.
Porthos, M.M., Sept. 1.
Teiresias, B.F., Sept. 1.
Takotoyo Maru, N.Y.K., Sept. 1.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., Sept. 2.
Suisang, Jardine's, Sept. 2.
Yogland, Jenson, Sept. 2.
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Asaphion, B.F., Sept. 7.
Heian Maru, N.Y.K., Sept. 8.
Mantua, P. & O., Sept. 11.
Pembrokehire, Jardine's, Sept. 11.
Sirdhana, B.I., Sept. 11.
Burduwan, P. & O., Sept. 12.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Sept. 12.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., Sept. 12.
Duisburg, Jenson, Sept. 12.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Sept. 15.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Sept. 19.

JAVA PORTS.

Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., Aug. 18.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Aug. 23.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Sept. 1.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Sept. 1.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Sept. 15.

KISBON.

Fulda, Melchers, Sept. 19.

LIVERPOOL.

Tantalus, B.F., Aug. 23.
Eumous, B.F., Sept. 3.
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Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"ANSUN"	On 16th Aug. 9 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SUNKING"	On 16th Aug. 4 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	"KIANGSU"	On 16th Aug. 4 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai, Newchwang & Dairen	"CHINHUA"	On 18th Aug. 3 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SINKIANG"	On 18th Aug. 3 p.m.
Foochow, Weihaiwei, Onsoo & Tsingtao	"HUICHOW"	On 18th Aug. 3 p.m.
Amoy & Shanghai	"TSINAN"	On 20th Aug. D.L.
Swatow & Shanghai	"KWANGTUNG"	On 21st Aug. 3 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SZECHUEN"	On 23rd Aug. 3 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	"KAYING"	On 23rd Aug. 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Newchwang & Dairen	"TEAN"	On 24th Aug. 3 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"STEAMER"	On 25th Aug. 3 p.m.
Amoy & Shanghai	"TAIYUAN"	On 27th Aug. D.L.
Hokow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	"KINGYUAN"	On 28th Aug. Noon
Swatow, Foochow, Weihaiwei, Onsoo & Tsingtao	"KUEICHOW"	On 1st Sept. 3 p.m.

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CHANGTE	In Port	18th Aug.	21st Aug.	6th Sept.
TAIPING	14th Sept.	18th Sept.	21st Sept.	4th Oct.
CHANGTE	9th Oct.	30th Oct.	23rd Oct.	8th Nov.
TAIPING	6th Nov.	17th Nov.	20th Nov.	6th Dec.

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STATION	Elev. Feet	AUGUST 13, 1931.					AUGUST 14, 1931.				
		Barometer at Sea Level		Direction	Force	Wind (Miles per Hour)	Barometer at Sea Level		Direction	Force	Wind (Miles per Hour)
		Inches	Milli.				Inches	Milli.			
Wladivostok	12	29.90	788.6	E	1	6	29.96	791.0	SSE	1	...
Nemuro	11	29.85	785.5	SSE	1	...	29.92	790.0	...	...	...
Hakodate	...	29.84	785.0	N	1	...	29.94	790.5	...	...	...
Tokio	...	29.80	787.0	SSW	1	...	29.86	788.5	...	...	...
Kochi	...	29.84	788.0	SSW	1	...	29.88	788.5	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	29.84	788.0	SE	1	...	29.86	788.5	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	29.82	787.5	SSE	1	...	29.84	788.0	...	...	...
Oshima	...	29.78	786.5	ENE	1	...	29.80	787.0	...	...	...
Naha	...	29.70	784.5	ENE	1	...	29.73	785.0	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.66	783.5	E	1	...	29.68	784.0	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	29.60	783.0	SSW	4	...	29.71	784.5	...	...	...
Chefoo	15	29.60	783.0	SE	2	...	29.62	783.5	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	29.75	785.9	SE	4	...	29.77	786.2	...	...	...
Guttsiao	...	29.82	787.5	SE	4	...	29.87	788.7	...	...	...
Wenchow	...	29.62	785.9	NE	4	...	29.78	785.1	...	...	...
Foochow	...	29.59	781.5	SW	4	...	29.56	780.8	...	...	...
Amoy	...	29.62	785.3	ESE	6	...	29.57	781.0	...	...	...
Swatow	...	29.67	781.3	N	0	...	29.57	781.1	...	...	...
Taihou	...	29.57	781.0	N	0	...	29.55	780.8	...	...	...
Tainan	...	29.58	781.4	E	2	...	29.55	780.8	...	...	...
Koshun	...	29.58	781.4	E	2	...	29.54	780.8	...	...	...
Pescadore	...	29.45	748.9	NNW	4	...	29.49	749.0	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.45	748.9	E	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	29.48	749.3	ENE	5	...	29.50	749.2	...	...	...
Macao	...	29.48	748.4	SE	4	...	29.50	749.2	...	...	...
Hoihow	...	29.45	748.3	ESE	4	...	29.56	748.2	...	...	...
Pratas Island	...	29.41	747.0	NNW	4	...	29.48	746.8	...	...	...
Phulien	16	29.42	747.3	SE	3	...	29.48	748.5	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.45	748.9	SW	3	...	29.71	754.7	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.50	749.4	SE	4	...	29.50	749.4	...	...	...
Basco	14	29.46	748.4	ENE	4	...	29.50	749.4	...	...	...
Aparri	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.45	748.0	SW	4	...	29.48	748.8	...	...	...
Seipon	11.00	29.74	785.3	S	4	...	29.70	784.4	...	...	...
Guam	12.25	29.74	785.3	S	4	...	29.70	784.4	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.74	785.3	S	4	...	29.70	784.4	...	...	...
Pelew	...	29.74	785.3	S	4	...	29.70	784.4	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.82	787.4	SW	4	...	29.89	789.3	...	...	...

August 14d. 10h. 37m.—The depression appears to be nearly stationary to the north of the Paracels.
A feeble anticyclone is central over N.E. Japan.
Manila warning, 14d. 9h. 30m.—Depression northern part China Sea, almost stationary. Recd. 14d. 10h. 32m.
Shanghai warning, 18d. 20h. 54m.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 17° N. Long. 131° E., moving W.N.W. Recd. 18d. 21h. 10m.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.60 inches. Total since January 1, 54.29 inches, against an average of 58.69 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON AUGUST 15.	
District.	Forecast.
1.—Shanghai to Turnabout	S.E. winds, moderate; fair generally.
2.—Turnabout to Hong Kong	E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	E. winds, fresh to moderate; generally overcast, some rain.
4.—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits	E. winds, fresh to moderate; generally overcast, some rain.
5.—North China Sea	Squally weather, western portion.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, August 14.

Previous (On Date) On Date

Day at 4 p.m. at 10 a.m. at 4 p.m.

Barometer... 29.46 29.53 29.45

Temperature... 81 81 83

Humidity... 87 87 84

Wind... Direction E E E

Force... 4 1 5

Weather... OR O O

Rain... 3.14 0.00 0.50

Highest open-air Temperature, 18.89

Lowest open-air Temperature, 14.80

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TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWAISANG" "DAIKEN" "KWONGSANG" "HOPKANG"	Sun. 16th Aug. at Noon Wed. 19th Aug. at Noon Sun. 23rd Aug. at Noon Wed. 26th Aug. at Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG" "YUBSANG" "KUMSANG"	Mon. 17th Aug. at 10 a.m. Tues. 22nd Aug. at 3 p.m. Wed. 26th Sept. at 8 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Wed. 19th Aug. at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY & KOBE	"KUISANG" "KUTSANG"	Wed. 2nd Sept. at 7 a.m. Sat. 15th Sept. at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"YUSANG" "HINSANG" "MAUSANG"	Mon. 24th Aug. at 10 a.m. Wed. 26th Aug. at Noon Wed. 28th Sept. at Noon
TIENHSIN via SWATOW, FOOCHOW & CHEFOO	"CHEONGSHING" "CHIPSING"	Fri. 21st Aug. at Noon Sun. 30th Aug. at Noon

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Empress of Japan	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 8
Empress of Asia	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19
Empress of Canada	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 2
Empress of Russia	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17
Empress of Japan	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 30
Empress of Asia	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14
Empress of Canada	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Nov. 27
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COLOUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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PORTHOS ... 29th Sept.	ATHOS II ... 13th Oct.
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 26,937 TONS
THROUGH CARGO
12,423 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

British	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
Cathay, London, Singapore	900	903
Rajputana, Yokohama, Shanghai	12	1,800
Kiungchow, Canton	—	1,250
Java, Sourabaya, Panaroken	12,932	—
Hosang, Osaka, Kobe	100	—
Japanese	—	4,143
Jogusan Maru, Keelung	600	1,030
Lushan Maru, Shanghai	53	575
Yei Maru, Haiphong	3,300	—
Delagoa Maru, Yokohama	—	5,723
Ryujin Maru, Keelung	900	850
Chinese	—	4,973
San Kong, R. C. Wan	100	100
Total	20,237	12,423

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

British	Arr.	Dep.
Japanese	5	3
Chinese	1	2
American	0	1
Dutch	0	1
French	0	1
Total	11	12

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Hosang (Br.) Osaka	6
Kiungchow (Br.) Canton	58
Lushan Maru (Jap.) S'hai	370
Total	494

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:
Basin—Tamar.
North Wall—Stormcloud.
South Wall—Cicada.
East Wall—Odin, Otus.
West Wall—Camden.
Foreign Men of War—U.S. gunboat Helena, French sloop Regulus and gunboat Argus.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR

The following merchant vessels were in harbour yesterday:
Wharves—Kowloon: Empress of Canada, Cathay, Hosang, Rajputana, Socony—Laichikok; Tascatus; Osaka Shosen Kaisha; Canton Maru; Douglas Lapraik; Haining; Saikong; Sun Kong.
Docks—Kowloon: Kwaiyang, Produce, Limchow, Benarty, Changto, Bintang, Bremerhaven, Taikoo; Aldecoa, Anahim; Cosmopolitan; Svala.

Buoys—A9 Kingyuan, A10 Kiungsu, B8 Hicundo, B9 Kiungchow, B17 Ardent, B18 Chian Lee, B22 Maunang, B23 Marunasan Maru, B24 Graciosa, B25 Seium Maru, C4 Helikon, C3 Chung Kong, C7 Kushiao Maru.

ARRIVALS.

August 13.

Kiungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

August 14.

Bonus, Norwegian str., 4,490 tons, Capt. A. Neilsen, from Manila, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Siemens & Co.

Delagoa Maru, Japanese str., 3,773 tons, Capt. H. Takasu, from Hankow, buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.

Hosang, British str., 3,293 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Rajputana, British str., 4,434 tons, Capt. H. M. Jack, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Ryujin Maru, Japanese str., 901 tons, Capt. N. Kitano, from Keelung, Yau-mai Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvald, from Canton, buoy No. A4.—Sing Kee.

Sun Kong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pak, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. R. Allinson, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

CLEARANCE.

August 14.

Chung Kong, for Tourane.

Delagoa Maru, for Singapore.

Emp. of Canada, for Shanghai.

Haining, for Swatow.

Hydranga, for Swatow.

Kiungyuan, for Swatow.

Kiungchow, for Hoihow.

Mausang, for Sandakan.

Norviken, for Singapore.

Rajputana, for London.

Ryujin Maru, for Canton.

Solviken, for Hoihow.

Sunning, for Canton.

Tascatus, for Los Angeles.

Wing Wo, for K. C. Wan.

EFFECT OF SHIPPING SUBSIDIES.

CAUSE OF EXCESSIVE TONNAGE.

Providing at the meeting of Messrs. Furness, Withy and Co., Sir Frederick Lewis referred to the effects of Government participation, in one form or another, in commerce. He pointed out that one result for the shipping industry of encouraging the building of unrequited ships by means of special credit facilities was apparent in the excessive amount of tonnage now afloat. So far, Britain's purse had not been seriously affected, but in other countries in which ships had been operated for Government account, or heavy subsidies had been granted to private owners conditional on their building further ships, the taxpayer had had to bear a heavy burden, and yet the goods of those countries had been carried no better or cheaper than would have been the case without the imposition of the burden. He recalled a statement made some time ago by the chairman of a public company to the effect that the cost of foreign goods imported into Britain was not merely the c.i.f. cost of those goods, but the c.i.f. cost plus a proportion of the unemployment dole, and he remarked that this argument could be applied equally to the case of subsidized shipping services; the cost to the importer of transporting his goods was not merely the actual rate of freight paid, but was the freight plus a proportion of the subsidy or the losses borne by the State and charged to the taxpayer. In the case of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine the loss last year amounted to £1,169,000, and the balance-sheet now showed a deficit of £1,525,000 as a result of the past ten years' operations. Similarly, £3,727,000 was the cost to the United States, that being the approximate amount of the subsidies payable under the Merchant Marine Act, apart altogether from the losses on vessels, directly operated by the United States Shipping Board.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived by the P. & O. s.s. Rajputana: Miss E. Campbell, Mr. J. S. Choi, Mrs. Miss and Master Carroll, Mr. W. D. Denham, Miss B. Hargreaves, Miss Medina, Dr. Mahon, Mr. F. Nissen, Mr. Y. H. Nyien and servant, Mr. A. B. Osmond, Capt. and Mrs. D. Skinner, Mr. W. Sanderson, Mr. J. Watmull, Mr. J. A. Yavdinsky.

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"ALIPPO"	5,800	19th Aug. 2nd Aug.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"PADUA"	6,000	22nd Aug.	Mars, Havre, L'don, H'g.
"KARMALA"	9,000	29th Aug.	Edin, A'werp, & Hull
"CATHAY"	18,000	12th Sept.	Mars, L'don, H'g., A'werp, & Hull
"BOUDAN"	9,800	15th Sept.	Mars, Havre, L'don, H'g.
"KALYAN"	9,000	28th Sept.	Mars, L'don, H'g., A'werp, & Hull
"MANTUA"	11,000	10th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,000	24th Oct.	Mars, L'don, H'g., A'werp, & Hull
"BURDWAN"	6,500	31st Oct.	Mars, Havre, L'don, H'g.
"NALDERA"	18,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,000	21st Nov.	Mars, L'don, H'g., A'werp, & Hull
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	5th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"CORFU"	15,000	19th Dec.	Mars, Havre, L'don, H'g.
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"TAKADA"	7,000	27th Aug.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,000	29th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	11,000	11th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"BURDWAN"	6,500	11th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,000	12th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	11,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLOR"	7,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NALDERA"	18,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MACDONIA"	11,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	7,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"CORFU"	15,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KAWALEPINDI"	17,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NANKIN"	7,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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